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Fingers crossed for Dragons' Den contest

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Dons net a place in the play-offs

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THERE'S wig news for cancer patients, as fitters like Tessa Ash at Christos Salon in Newport Pagnell are offering a new service - only the second in the UK.

■ For the full story, see page 9

The Point tipped to be knocked down

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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ONE of the city's most iconic and historic buildings could be torn down.

Home to the UK's first multiplex cinema, when The Point was built in 1985 it was the tallest building in Milton Keynes and could be seen for miles.

But now the red pyramid-shaped structure in Midsummer Boulevard, which is considered by many to be part of the city's short heritage, is under threat of destruction to make way for new retail units.

The building's owners Hammerson have submitted a 'scoping application' to Milton Keynes Council, which precedes full planning applications for developments over 10,000 square feet.

A spokesman for the company said: "The submission of the scoping report is the start of a consultation process during which Hammerson will engage with statutory and community stakeholders on its outline plans for the site.

"Hammerson will be announcing details of the consultation in the next few weeks and hopes members of the public will attend the public exhibition, where the team will be on hand to discuss the initial plans."

Last week MK NEWS reported The Point could be included on a planned 'Local List' of important city heritage sites and some are not happy these outline plans could see the demolition of the iconic red building.

Councillor Andy Maric, who has fond childhood memories of the building, said: "To demolish it would be a complete mockery of our history.

"We are quite a young city and it forms a part of our identity."

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MK Uni one step closer to reality

ONE thousand university-level students could be studying for degrees, masters and doctorates in the city within the next three years.

That's because Milton Keynes has taken a big step towards having its own university.

Yesterday it was announced University College Milton Keynes will open to students in September, in a location still to be decided, to offer higher education courses in a partnership between Milton Keynes Council and the University of Bedfordshire.

Professor Keith Straughan, who was vice-principal of the University Centre Milton Keynes, has been appointed interim dean of the university college.

He said: "This will now add significantly to the city's profile through the presence of a true, local university offering high quality teaching and ambitious research."

University Centre Milton Keynes will continue to offer courses at MK College that can aid students' progression into university, such as HNDs.

University college status is a title bestowed upon an institution by the Privy Council, which was created by the Queen to, among other things, recognise and oversee universities across the UK. It is the final rung on the ladder before the achievement of full-blown university status.

Prof Straughan said University College status has been achieved five years ahead of schedule and in the future it is hoped it will become a fully independent university.

Until that time, the institution will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the University of Bedfordshire.

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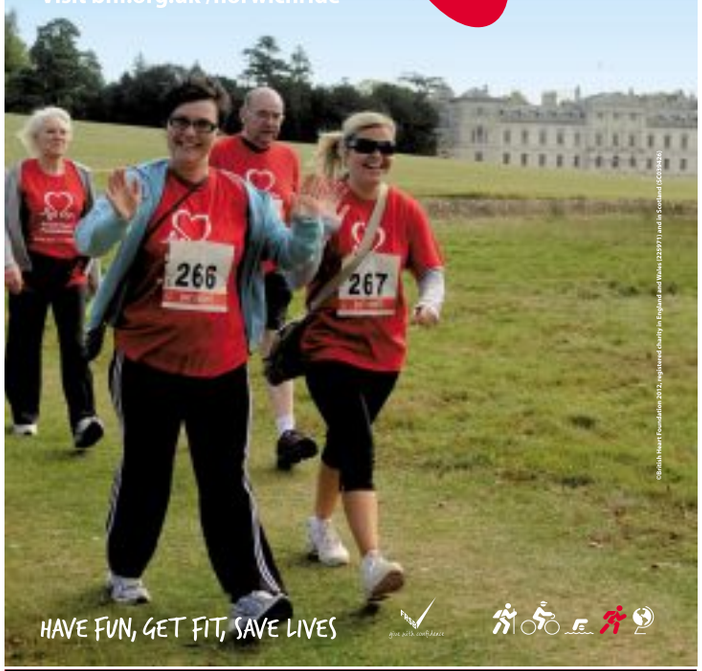

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Charity catwalk raises money

AN EXCLUSIVE fashion show raised vital funds for a Milton Keynes-based charity.

The catwalk show and car boutique, hosted by Mercedes-Benz of Milton Keynes at its Kingston showroom, raised more than £3,000 for MK Snap.

thecentre:mk staged a display of clothes from the new House of Fraser store.

Simon Oldfield, managing director of Mercedes-Benz of Milton Keynes, said: "With our partners from thecentre:mk we set out to make a dazzling show for the customers of everyone associated with fashion and beauty taking part. We've had great feedback from everyone attending and most importantly we've raised over £3,000 for a great charity that we and our partners in the event support in Milton Keynes."

The car bootique gave guests a chance to buy the clothes and accessories from the catwalk and they were also pampered with the latest beauty products from top brands.

And the treats just kept coming with a canapé buffet, Champagne, chocolate treats and goody bag bursting with delights.

A grand draw and auction saw people digging deep to ensure the night was a fundraising success.

Showing their support: The community gets stuck into Love Bletchley

Retailers show love for their community

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A NEW sense of pride is being instilled in residents as they're reminded to love their town.

The retail extravaganza 'Love Bletchley' takes place on May 12 and is an opportunity for people to discover, or in some cases rediscover, all that their town has to offer.

Local shops and businesses are welcoming shoppers with open arms and, more importantly, open doors and will be flaunting their products.

In its heyday Bletchley thrived as the main shopping area in Milton Keynes but the boom came to an end when thecentre:mk was built.

Now the self-confessed 'bargain basement' of the city is ready to come back with a bang and with 'vintage' endlessly brandished about in the world of fashion, Bletchley, with its wealth of charity shops, is the perfect place to get on-trend looks at a snip of the price.

The chic bargains that are on offer will be demonstrated with a fashion show from charity shop Age UK.

Town clerk Lisa Courtney said: "Bletchley has a lot to offer. The city centre is so fast paced it almost feels like it needs an overtaking lane.

"People go in there looking for a specific shop but they can come to Bletchley, park for free and enjoy our shops."

With street performers, belly dancers and even reptiles on the guestlist, the day promises to truly represent the colourful diversity of Bletchley.

If your day of browsing the market stalls, getting stuck into the arts and crafts and helping the children hunt for clues in the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council competition leaves you feeling exhausted, you can sit down and relax in one of Queensway's numerous cafes, restaurants or takeaways.

Jane Forder, the council's regeneration officer, said: "This isn't a one-off event, it's just the start.

"We've had such a great response, we're really excited.

"Hopefully it will be a success and we can think about bigger events, maybe even getting the road closed off for the day."

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Murder victim's ashes in urn

THE urn which still contained some ashes that was fished out of a lake is that of a murder victim.

Last week, MK NEWS reported how angler Simon Denny pulled the urn out of Willen Lake North while fishing on Wednesday, April 11. On it read the name Mehar Singh Dhariwal.

It has now been discovered that the encased remains are that of a cab driver from Bedford, who was killed in an attack on January 29.

Mr Denny said: "I'm obviously surprised and sad that the urn I caught was that of someone who was murdered.

"Lord alone knows what the family must be thinking at this difficult time. I hope to reunite it with them."

But how the urn came to be in the lake still remains a mystery.

It is believed that following his cremation Mr Dhariwal, who was a buddhist, had his ashes buried under the peace tree at the Peace Pagoda, next to the lake.

A family member said: "It's a shock. His ashes were buried at the Peace Pagoda.

"Had the urn been brought back here in buddhist tradition it would have meant his spirit would remain here also."

Shocked: Youngsters have been left without a base for their youth club

Tears over youth club arson attack

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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CHILDREN are devastated after an arson attack, which may have been racially aggravated, left them without a youth club.

In a cruel twist of fate the fire broke out just as Campbell Park Parish Council was deciding to give Springfield Initiative Youth Club its annual £6,000 grant which would have been matched my Milton Keynes Council.

Fire crews were called to Springfield Meeting Place, where the youth club holds sessions three times a week, at 9.45pm last Tuesday.

Youth worker Carlos Williams said: "Arson was the cause of the fire and it could have been racially-motivated but we don't know anything for sure at this time. I'm in a state of shock; it's the children that will suffer the most."

Destroyed: inside youth club

Although the building is safe much of the equipment has been damaged.

Mr Williams explained: "I've had people who use the youth group in tears after they heard the news, many of them have grown up here. One boy has been coming here for ten years."

It is hoped that the group will be able to use the room next door on a temporary basis until their premises are once again fit for purpose.

Despite this devastating attack Mr Williams is remaining positive.

He said: "It's going to take a while but we will get the club running again."

Police have confirmed that they were called to the scene at 10.30pm. The fire was recorded as arson and a number of avenues are now being explored.

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Cyclist injured in crash

A CYCLIST was injured in a collision with a car on Friday. Police were called to Willen roundabout, at the junction of the H4 and V10, at 11.39am. The cyclist was taken to MK Hospital with serious injuries.

French invasion in town

THE tastes and smells of Normandy will be invading Stony Stratford on Saturday, as the French market visits Odell's Yard. The little arcade, just off the High Street, will host stalls offering a host of cuisine from 9am-4pm.

Man charged for ABH

AN 18-YEAR-OLD has been charged with racially aggravated ABH, a racially aggravated public order offence and criminal damage. Mark Wingrave, of Watten Court, Bletchley, was also charged with possessing offensive weapons. He appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Monday and has been released on bail to reappear at the same court on June 18.

Man killed in crash is named

THE motorcyclist who died in a collision in the city earlier this month has been named.

Jamie John Lloyd, 41, of Swayne Rise, Middleton, died in Milton Keynes Hospital after his GSZ motorcycle was involved in a collision with a Renault Scenic in H7 Chaffron Way, at the junction with Pattison Lane, Woolstone, on April 14.

In a heartfelt message posted on MK NEWS' website to widow Lisa, her uncle Martin Graham described Mr Lloyd as a 'wonderful, loving, caring husband to my niece'. He added: "This has come as a monumental shock to the whole family. My heart goes out to my dear niece and her four beautiful children. Jamie was one of the most wonderful young men I ever had the privilege of knowing."

An inquest opened on Friday was adjourned until November.

Secret papers reveal brutal acts

A RECENTLY published secret archive of colonial papers held at Hanslope Park show Britain was involved in acts of massacre and torture.

As a result of legal pressure the Foreign and Commonwealth Office released documents last Wednesday, which relate to British colonies just before the British Empire broke down.

Last year, a group of Kenyans tortured during the Mau Mau uprising sued the Government forcing it to make the documents public.

The archives detail acts of savagery including the systematic elimination of the opponents of the colonial authority in Malaya.

The files were moved from Hayes, West London, to Hanslope Park where staff were led to believe that they belonged to another organisation.

Up until last year the Foreign Office maintained that it had no idea this secret archive existed.

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Bright idea to make our grid roads safer

SIR - While I accept John Garrard's point that all motorists are responsible for safe driving (Letters, MK NEWS, April 18), it is surely not acceptable that Milton Keynes Council hinders safe driving capability?

It seems clear to me that the council doesn't seem to have done its homework otherwise we would not have ended up with what I, and others, feel is an unsafe situation.

I have no issue with the council reducing the level of street lighting to save money, however, what I object to is the way in which it has been done.

The situation at the moment is that we have maintained full lighting at roundabouts and junctions.

The effect of this is to create dark areas between these sources of light, usually over relatively short distances, which makes it almost impossible to see what may be happening at the side of the road because the eye is naturally drawn to the light.

My suggestion would be that every other street light should be turned off so that you get a more even distribution of lighting on roads, which I feel would be much safer for all concerned.

I can understand the need for more lighting at junctions and roundabouts, but perhaps this could be reduced a little in order to provide more light elsewhere.

All I would ask is that councillors think long and hard about the safety implications of their street lighting decisions and come up with a better solution.

Fortunately they now have the summer months to think about getting this right.

David Klyne
Great Linford

I would like to see church on the list

SIR - With reference to the story 'A landmark plan for our city heritage' (MK NEWS, April 18).

When Milton Keynes Council considers buildings for inclusion in the heritage 'Local List', please do not forget the church of Our Lady of Lourdes at Coffee Hall, built in 1975 in the style of the famous French architect le Corbusier - the first Roman Catholic church for the new town of Milton Keynes.

Sadly this church is now suffering from neglect so it would be sad if it no longer existed as a monument to 70s planning.

Angela Barber
Sent by e-mail

Heritage to be proud of

SIR - I agree Milton Keynes should have such a 'Local List' but let's make sure it's the stuff we are really proud of that gets on it and not just anything unusual.

For example, the grid road system should feature, as well as the shopping centre and Xscape, and definitely our wonderful parks and redways.

And should we acknowledge our mistakes too? In particular I am thinking of some of the flats in the Hub.

Marie Brock
Sent by e-mail

Call for meeting to discuss the facts

SIR - Following your story 'Wheels stolen off cop van at station' (MK NEWS, April 18), I would like nothing more than to meet Milton Keynes Commander Superintendant Barry Halliday.

And I look forward to him being able to provide me with facts and figures, locally or in any area in Milton Keynes, as to where the police have gone knocking on doors for enquiries after a crime has been committed - not including murder or a serious crime.

Maybe he can show me facts and figures for stolen wheels? Or at least a house burglary? I am sure this would make my residents in the Bradville area feel much safer at night in their homes.

Councillor Anna Seymour
Sent by e-mail

'Astounded' by top cop's comments

SIR - Superintendent Barry Halliday's comments have astounded me - I have been reading about nothing but police budget cuts for months.

How do budget cuts result in additional resources to carry out a door-to-door search for some stolen wheels?

If the wheels were stolen from my car I doubt the police would even show up, nevermind spend hours questioning everybody in my neighbourhood to find them for me.

Has anybody in Milton Keynes ever had their wheels stolen and the police have then carried out a door-to-door search for them? I think not.

If door-to-door enquiries were carried out for every crime of this type then my door bell would ring every single night.

Mr Doff
Sent by e-mail

I'm saving water too

SIR - Regarding your story 'Don't throw out the bath water' (MK NEWS, April 18).

Is this really such an amazing brainwave? To save water and also to save money I have been doing my washing up in a bowl so the water can go on the garden.

I don't take baths, as they use a lot of water, but whenever I shower I always put a plug in the bath. I am on the ground floor so cannot use gravity to aid a hose, so I carry the water to the garden in a bucket. I also use this grey water to fill the cistern after flushing the toilet. Saving water is not rocket science!

Philip Watling
Stantonbury

Jon Brett's City Life

His fortnightly column written exclusively for MK NEWS

AS A former student of Stantonbury Campus, it was with some sadness that I read in this newspaper of the passing of founding headteacher Geoff Cooksey.

It was September 1979 when, having moved from a traditional north London secondary modern, I stood before an entire class and was introduced to everyone as the 'new boy'.

What was so strange was that, aged just 13, I was in school wearing jeans, trainers and a jumper, in a classroom with carpets and calling my new form tutor by her first name, Christine.

And after introducing me to my new classmates, 'Christine' pointed to a boy wearing a distinctive cream coloured Starsky and Hutch style cardigan – all the rage in the late 70s, and said: "Lee. You can show Jonathan around for the first couple of weeks."

By contrast at school in London I had worn a traditional uniform, in a traditional 1950s comprehensive with what, by comparison, seemed like Victorian values and teachers.

I never did get on well at school in London and, although sad to be leaving the capital, knew I would not miss my old school.

Somehow Geoff Cooksey's vision of a relaxed and informal teaching environment suited my learning ability.

It didn't work for everyone and I'm not convinced it's the way forward, but it worked for me and for that I shall be forever grateful.

And what happened to Lee? That first day of school led to the longest single continuous friendship of my life.

Thirty-three years on and Lee and I are still friends today.

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Electrifying: Mayor Alan Richards and Chevrolet MD Mark Terry with the new Volt, which was launched in the city last week

Volt electric car has been launched

ONE of the world's largest car manufacturers has held the national launch of its new electric car in Milton Keynes.

The Chevrolet Volt had its national press launch in the city last Wednesday thanks to its status as one of the UK's 'Plugged in Places' - a central government scheme intended to promote the use of electric vehicles.

The car was launched by Chevrolet managing director Mark Terry and Mayor of Milton Keynes, Alan Richards.

Chevrolet UK PR manager Craig Cheetham said: "Milton Keynes is committed to an electric charging infrastructure and we are supporting that by demonstrating the car here and the way it can be used in such a progressive area."

■ For more about the Volt and the future of electric vehicles, see next week's MK BUSINESS.

Council criticised for bus stop signs

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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SIGNS set up to give real-time bus updates have come under fire from passengers for being a waste of money.

In the last month MK NEWS exclusively revealed that turning off the grid road lights on main routes in the city contributed to two deaths and now bus users are questioning why they have been switched off when faulty Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) signs are left illuminated.

Since last autumn the RTPI boards, placed in bus stops across the city, have displayed the message 'The RTPI system is out of order. For services updates go to www.arrivabus.co.uk/mk. Refer to timetable.'

Arthur Mitchell, 64, of Fullers Slade, said: "I'm confident that most people would have the common sense to refer to the timetable of their own accord.

"It leaves me wondering how much it's costing to leave these signs switched on."

Keeping these systems illuminated could be costing Milton Keynes Council (MKC) and Arriva as much as £40,000 a year.

A council spokesman said: "We are aware of these concerns and we are looking into this. We will be taking on a new contractor in the summer and this will allow us to upgrade the current system, making it more efficient."

The council made the controversial decision to save money by switching off 6,000 grid road lights last February.

Of these, 2,700 were switched off at the beginning of last summer and the remaining 3,300 are being 'trimmed and dimmed' – timed to dim at certain hours of the night.

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Nostalgic film is a hit

A FILM night showing off the history of Newport Pagnell was a huge success. More than 150 people crowded in to the United Reform Church to see Crazy Days and Carnivals, a look back at old footage of the town courtesy of the Living Archive. It is now hoped the second event in Bletchley Library on Wednesday, May 2 at 7.30pm will be just as successful.

Blue Badge changes

THE assessments used for those applying for disabled blue parking badges are changing this month. As part of the changes, people may now be required to undergo an Independent Mobility Assessment, which will apply to new applicants and those looking to renew their badges. For details see www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/blue-badge.

Banned councillor to appeal

THE councillor suspended for five months for breaching the rules has vowed to appeal his ban 'most vehemently'.

And Paul Bartlett, who will not be allowed to represent his Stony Stratford Town Council seat from May, has also hit out at a suggestion his honorary title of Alderman should be removed.

Last week MK NEWS reported that Mr Bartlett had been suspended for several breaches of council standing orders.

But the standards board decision papers also suggest the removal of his title.

He said: "Really that's almost worse than the other punishment."

Fraudster escapes jail term

A PROPERTY manager who defrauded people out of almost £40,000 has avoided jail.

Christine Robe, 55, who has now moved to the north east, pleaded guilty to 13 offences in which she defrauded two landlords and a number of tenants out of a total of £37,095, by misusing deposits and money paid to her for the management of properties in Northampton. In mitigation Steven Evans, defending, said Robe, who began the offences when she was working for city-based Cotels, had not intended for her actions to be fraudulent from the outset.

But she was sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended for two years, an 18-month supervision order and 200 hours unpaid work.

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Marathon time for city runners

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A massive entry list of 4,300, including runners from all over the world, will descend on the city on Sunday for the 26-mile spectacle.

Among them are city runner Steve Sharrock, for whom the city marathon will be his second in seven days.

The 38-year-old, running in aid of The Alzheimer's Society after his wife's grandmother died last year, ran the London marathon on Sunday and will also be taking part in the 62-mile London to Brighton challenge on May 12.

Also running is Ann Marie Davies, who is married to MK Dons manager Karl Robinson.

She hopes to raise money to send eight-year-old niece Scarlette, who has genetic disorder 1p36 deletion syndrome, to the United States for therapy.

Steve can be sponsored at www.justgiving.com/StevedSharrock and you can donate to Ann Marie's cause through PayPal, using the e-mail address annmariedavies7@hotmail.com.

Runners in training for the first Milton Keynes Marathon

Plans for gypsy site thrown out

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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PROPOSALS for a travellers' site at Fenny Lock were scrapped once and for all after it was affirmed that the site was still not value for money.

Last February the cabinet at Milton Keynes Council, made up of seven Conservative councillors, stopped plans to continue work on ten pitches at the site after a report compiled by a cross-party committee stated it was not value for money.

However, after 20 residents called in this decision members of the Labour and Lib Dem groups carried a motion to put the site back on the agenda during an extraordinary meeting of the council last Wednesday.

It was argued that 'moral majority in the council' wanted the money to be invested in the travellers' site and a Citizen's Jury should be established to decide the location of pitches.

Despite the motion being carried with 24 votes in favour to 20 against, the cabinet decided to back it's original decision.

Originally £1.8million of government money was ringfenced for the travellers' site. However, the money was later released so the cabinet opted to build council bungalows with disabled access.

There are only three traveller households in the highest need of housing and it was decided their needs would be better met by a bid to refurbish or expand the travellers' site in Willen Road.

Council leader, Andrew Geary, said: "The priority for the administration is those Band 1 housing needs people, including the three traveller families who we put very much at the top of the agenda."

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Cancer unit improves

A USER group of cancer patients has been working with staff at Milton Keynes Hospital's Macmillan Cancer Unit to improve the environment for visitors. Feedback has led to work on small improvements, including a dedicated quiet room in outpatients.

Election correction

THE Labour candidate running in the local elections for the Eaton Manor ward is Alan Webb, not Robert Webb as reported in last week's MK NEWS. Other candidates are Kevin Geaney (Conservative), Ali Hussain (Green), Stuart Leeming (UKIP) and Alfred Vella (Lib Dem).

Family treasures stolen

PRECIOUS keepsakes have been stolen from a family home during a burglary.

Gemma Marshall, 30, returned to her house in Weathercock Lane, Woburn Sands, after a holiday to discover it had been broken into.

The mother-of-three is now appealing to the burglars to return her home videos and children's hospital bracelets from when they were born.

She said: "The DVDs are of the birth of my children, Christmases and birthdays and you can never replace those."

Also stolen was a silver Cartier watch that Mrs Marshall bought for her husband's 30th birthday which was inscribed and jewellery that had been left to her by her grandmother.

She added: "I don't think that the people who do these things realise what effect they have on others' lives. When I realised what was taken I sobbed."

Between noon on Friday, April 13 and noon the following day offenders forced open a window to get into the property.

A 50 inch Samsung TV and Tiffany bracelet were also taken.

Mrs Marshall said: "It's not these things I care about; you don't get sentimentally attached to a TV. I'd urge the burglars to leave the keepsakes somewhere or post them back to me."

Anyone with information can call Det Con Sam Reynolds on 101.

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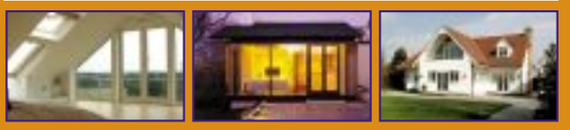

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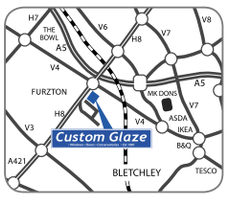

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Two arrested in UK Border Agency raid

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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TWO people have been arrested following a UK Border Agency raid on a town shop.

Acting on intelligence, officers visited the Sai Super Market in Queensway, Bletchley, just before 5pm on Tuesday, April 17, where they questioned staff to check if they had the right to work in the UK.

Two employees were arrested - a 26-year-old Indian man and a 31-year-old Pakistani man.

Both were in the country illegally having overstayed their visas.

The Indian man was detained pending his removal from the country and the Pakistani was granted immigration bail while the UK Border Agency seeks to remove him.

The supermarket was handed a notice warning that the owners could face a fine of up to £20,000 - £10,000 for each illegal worker - unless proof is provided to the UK Border Agency that the correct right-to-work checks were carried out.

UK Border Agency assistant director Paul Smith said: "It is employers who take on illegal workers who fuel illegal immigration to the UK and that is why our officers are out almost every day around the Thames Valley area carrying out these kinds of operations.

"Businesses who fail to carry out the legally-required checks on staff should know that we are out there looking for them and they will face heavy fines."

Every year the UK Border Agency imposes civil penalties on hundreds of companies which fail to carry out proper right-to-work checks on staff.

Employers unsure of the steps needed to avoid employing illegal workers can visit www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/advice-for-employers, or they can call the UK Border Agency's Employers' Helpline on 0300 123 4699.

UK Border Agency visit: Sai Super Market in Queensway, Bletchley

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Salon to give help to cancer patients

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AN INNOVATIVE new wig service for male and female patients who suffer hair loss while undergoing cancer treatment has been launched.

The service is only the second of its kind in the country.

It works by giving patients who have suffered chemotherapy or radiotherapy-induced hair loss a prescription for a wig and they then take this to Patient Hair Care at Christos Hair Salon in Newport Pagnell.

The salon has specially trained and certified wig fitting and scalp care specialists to give patients information and expert advice.

Patients book an appointment at the salon in the normal way and the specialists can advise them on their scalp care and help them choose a new wig.

When it arrives (normally within 24 hours of ordering) they can have a fitting where the wig can be styled and cut exactly to their requirements.

Head of cancer services at Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Jane Naish, said: "We know hair loss really, really matters to our patients – both male and female. It is an aspect of cancer treatment they most dread, often over and above their actual treatment and surgery.

"This new service is another development of the excellent, holistic cancer service that we can provide at Milton Keynes Hospital."

Joan Tiernan from Christos Hair Salon said: "We are delighted to be partnering Milton Keynes Hospital and we believe jointly we can support all Milton Keynes cancer patients with not only a fantastic wig fitting service but all the hair and scalp knowledge that will see each patient through their cancer treatment journey."

Launching the service on Friday, MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart said: "This is an excellent new service offering from our local hospital. It demonstrates that the dedicated nurses and other medical professionals are sensitive to the needs of patients."

A wig hit: Iain Stewart MP with specialist Amy Kelly at the launch of the service

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Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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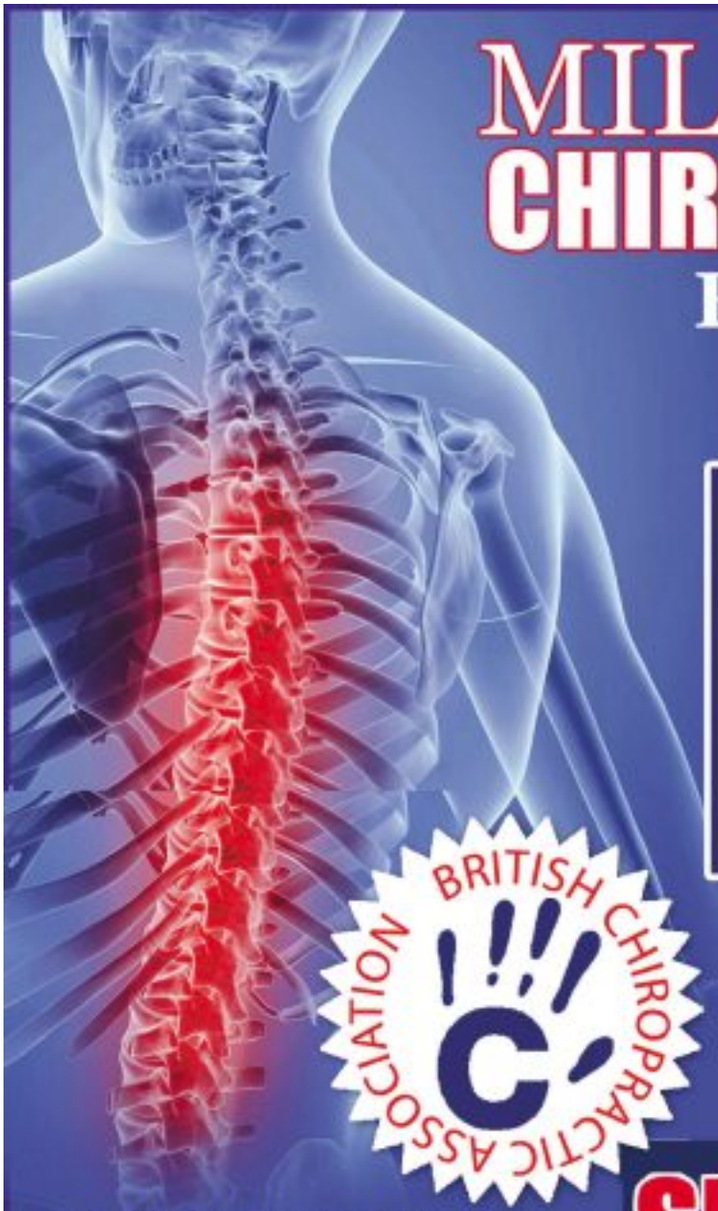

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Plaques stolen from memorial

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MEMORIAL to one of history's most important visionaries has been desecrated by metal thieves.

A pagoda dedicated to the architect, scientist, surveyor and physician Robert Hooke, which includes a number of brass plaques with illustrations and text about his work, has been struck by thieves.

The memorial celebrates his work on, and is situated next to, Willen church, which is one of only two structures the architect designed that are still standing - the other being the Monument to the Fire of London in the capital.

Hooke, who died in 1703, is also said to have overseen the rebuilding of London following the Great Fire in 1666 and with good friend Christopher Wren helped with the design of St Paul's Cathedral.

But offenders have stolen around eight of the plaques which celebrate his life and work.

Designer of the monument Justin Tunley said: "It was obviously annoying that something like this happened - the scrap value is negligent next to the cost of putting it in.

Memorial: The pagoda dedicated to Robert Hooke was hit by thieves

"At the time I designed it, metal thefts were not an issue - if I was to do it again I would probably use granite.

"The idea of the memorial is to have a contemplative space, with all of those little snippets of text and illustrations."

Plans to improve the monument and replace what was stolen are being considered, and these will be revealed at a later date.

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Grub will grab cash for Willen

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The Silk Road, in the Theatre District, will donate £1 to Willen Hospice for every customer that dines there on May 6.

Co-owner Samad Abdul has a personal affiliation with hospice through his late father and wanted to launch the new Sunday buffet service with a special appeal for the charity. He said: "The work Willen Hospice does is incredibly important but they need money to keep going. We look forward to helping as much as we can with the help of our customers."

There will also be a bouncy castle on the day and under sevens will eat free.

Helping hand: Nazreen Hoque and Yuan Chen from Silk Road

Homeless centre to give help and advice

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A NEW centre which aims to help the homeless and other people overcome drug and alcohol use as well as other life challenges opened yesterday.

As well as giving people a decent breakfast and light lunch, the Centre for the Homeless, in Lloyds Court, CMK, will be open four days a week between 9am and 1.30pm to help people with their different problems.

Throughout each day the team will be giving structured workshops and activities, aimed at giving visitors the skills needed to maintain accommodation.

Project director Mary Courtney said: "We know there's a real need for it in Milton Keynes.

"We know during the days there's nothing for them to do - they can't go anywhere and that's the time when addiction becomes worse."

The centre will not only focus on Milton Keynes' homeless, but also those facing unemployment, changes to benefits, mental health issues and other unfortunate situations life can sometimes leave you in.

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Computer contest in Bletchley

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AN INTERNATIONAL competition in which contestants attempt to create 'thinking' computers is being held in Milton Keynes.

Entrants in the Loebner Prize, in which an award is given to the system deemed to be most human-like, are assessed using a test developed by Alan Turing.

And to commemorate 100 years since his birth the competition, which has previously been held in New York and Los Angeles among other places, will take place at Bletchley Park on Tuesday, May 15.

Widely regarded as the father of computer science, Turing wrote a paper called Can Machines Think?

From this was developed the Turing Test, which said that a computer's intelligence could be measured on whether a human could converse with it.

So in the Loebner Prize, which has now been running for ten years, judges will hold two text-based conversations - one with a computer entrant and another with a real human being - and try to decide which is which.

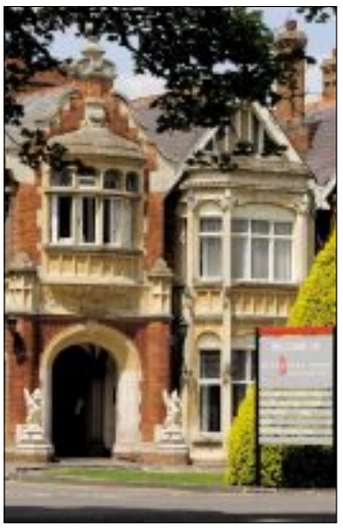
The winner will receive a coveted bronze medal and a prize fund of $7,000.

Two other papers by Turing, thought to be written while he was at Bletchley Park, were last week released by intelligence agency GCHQ to the National Archives.

The first, titled Paper on Statistics of Repetitions, is a report in which Turing works out the best statistical means of testing whether two cipher messages use the same key in parts of the message - very important in reading coded messages at Bletchley Park.

The second paper, titled The Applications of Probability to Cryptography, assesses the application of probability analysis to crypt-analytic problems of the day.

Because of the sensitivity of the papers they had been retained at the agency, but have now been assessed as suitable for release.



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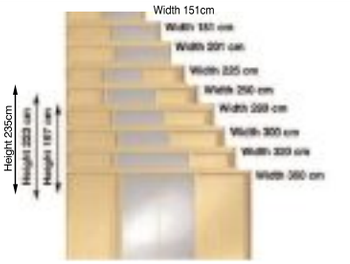

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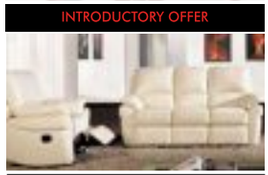

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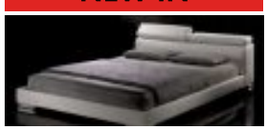

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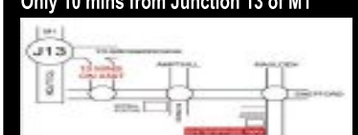

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Another half-pipe petition launched

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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OPINIONS are split over a skate ramp with a petition to close it finding its way online just weeks after one to save it was posted on the same site.

Residents contacted Milton Keynes Council claiming that the half-pipe, which was built in the play area behind Heronsgate School, has caused large numbers of youths to congregate in the area and noise disruption which carries on past midnight.

This sparked uproar among skaters who set up a submission on the council's website asking people to sign a petition in favour of saving the ramp.

Now in retaliation, 13 residents have signed a counter petition.

It asks the council to move the half-pipe from its current location to a more appropriate area within Walnut Tree and to gate-off the park from 9pm.

Controversial: The half-pipe in Walnut Tree

On the petition Karen Coombes commented: "I think the whole of Walnut Tree are happy the park has had a revamp it well and truly deserved. I work from home and the noise of the skate ramp is very loud and constant. It is now being used from 8.30am and the past two weeks over the school holidays till very late."

Joe Reynolds, 16, of Hindemith Gardens, got the ball rolling on the initial petition.

He said: "It's not skaters causing the noise disruptions because we can't use it when it's dark."

The original petition has gained the support of 43 people since it went live five weeks ago.

Walton Community Council, which covers Walnut Tree, has been discussing a fully-fledged skate park in the area, which has been granted permission but a location has yet to be decided.

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Enter the den or vote for funding

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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EVER fancied yourself as a hopeful in Dragons' Den, or as one of the feared businessmen?

Well, if you have a pet project that you need cash for, now is your chance to play both roles.

For the first time, and inspired by the popular BBC2 programme, residents living in the area covered by Great Linford Parish Council can bid for a grant from between £50 and £2,000, from a fund of £4,000.

Once all the applications are in, local residents will then decide which projects to support.

Parish manager Eirwen Tagg said: "We've noticed a lot of community groups have had funding taken away, so we are trying to get the community's focus back on itself.

"So anything any of the community groups want to do, from a Scouts initiative to decorating a meeting room - things that make a difference to the people who use them - we will listen to.

"The letters about the scheme only went out last week, but we've had quite a few people ringing up asking about it, so it is grabbing people's attention."

The kinds of schemes the council is looking for include Healing Gardens, an initiative run by Simon Bates.

Fingers crossed: Simon Bates will be entering the den

He said: "We help disabled, elderly and disadvantaged people that have got gardens that have gone wild. We go in and get it looking more like a garden.

"We need things like towing hooks for the car, a bit of training for the volunteers and basically money to sustain and keep us going for the next couple of years at least."

You can find out more and pick up an application form at the parish council's annual meeting at the Quaker Centre in Downhead Park on May 23 from 7.30-9.30pm.

The closing date is June 30 and all valid bids will go to a public event in July when bidders can make presentations, before the community votes for the best projects.

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The Extraordinary Council meeting took place on 18th April, immediately followed by a Cabinet Meeting. (Full details of motions will be found on the Milton Keynes Council website).

We have identified those Councillors who voted for Traveller ***wants*** above Milton Keynes citizens' ***needs***.

Councillors attending the Full Council voted as follows: Spend all £1.8m on a 10 pitch traveller's site at Fenny Lock **(1)** above:

In Favour:

Lib Dem	**(17 councillors)**	**100% in agreement**
Labour	**(7 councillors)**	**100% in agreement**

Build 10 wheelchair council houses with the remaining £1.2m. Apply for further grants for housing 3 priority traveller families **(2)** above:

In Favour:

Conservative	**(18 councillors)**	**100% in agreement**
Independent	**(2 councillors)**	**100% in agreement**

Following the Council meeting, the decision-making body, Conservative led Milton Keynes Cabinet, held its meeting. The Cabinet noted that the Council had presented no additional facts which had not already been fully considered. Therefore the original executive decision still stands for option **(2)**. This can now be finally implemented.

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Broadband speed bad for business

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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SLOW internet speeds are harming business performance, according to a survey of residents and businesses.

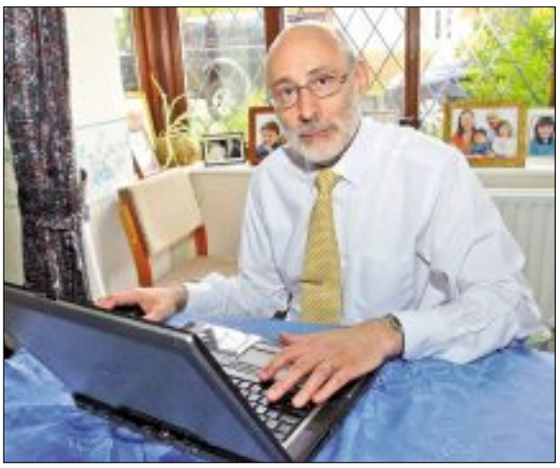
The results of the broadband survey carried out by Biztech Technology Forum and Milton Keynes Council between June 2011 and February 2012, revealed that out of 118 companies that responded, 96 per cent say their performance is affected by the existing internet service.

One third of business respondents rated their internet as poor or very poor, with 86 per cent reporting download speeds of less than eight mbps and upload speeds of less than two mbps.

While 17 per cent said their existing location was influenced by broadband provision, 80 per cent stated their future location would be influenced by this.

Only 23 per cent of businesses were aware of superfast broadband provision in their area.

Henry Kafeman, Biztech Technology Forum expert group lead analyst, said: "Two thirds of the borough now has access to superfast broadband technology capable of speeds of up to 100 mbps and yet take-up among small and medium sized businesses is lagging behind and affecting their performance.



The survey said: Henry Kafeman has carried out a broadband study

"Biztech is working with the council and other partners in the Milton Keynes Broadband Stakeholder Group to raise awareness of the availability of faster internet speeds among these companies."

Biztech will present the survey result at the NextGen roadshow event at stadiummk on May 30.

The event, hosted by Milton Keynes Council, will feature a host of speakers and topics, such as how businesses can utilise latest developments to stimulate innovation and enhance productivity.

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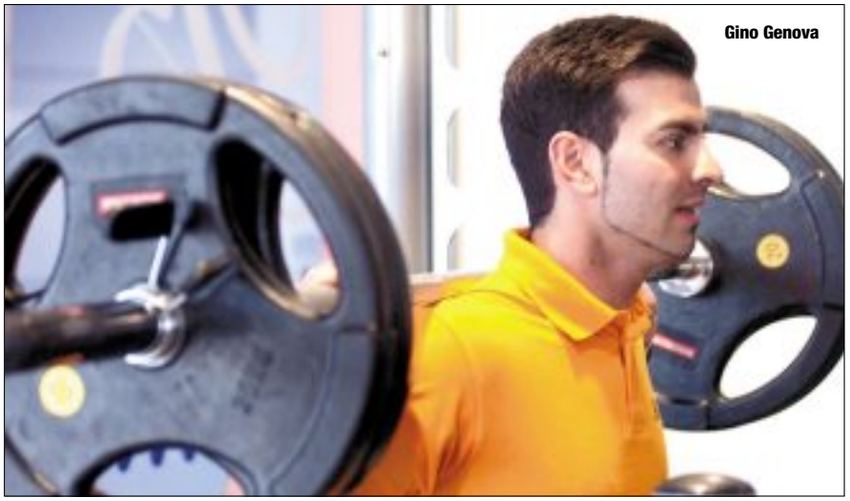

Gino Genova

Gino helps you lift

BY DAN PALMER
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IF YOU fancy taking up an Olympic sport before London 2012 then Bletchley Leisure Centre may have just the thing – although it will provide a test of your strength.

Government funding has allowed the centre to offer a course in weightlifting, which could help prepare future Olympians.

Those who take part are in good hands as British Olympic weightlifting coach Gino Genova has been placed in charge.

Before the course was set up, city weightlifters had to travel over an hour to the nearest club.

Gino, a fitness instructor at the centre, is an accredited UK strength and conditioning association coach who competes nationally in weightlifting competitions across the country.

He said: "Weightlifting is not just about getting bigger muscles and becoming stronger.

"It is fantastic for improving flexibility and preventing injuries both in your everyday life and playing sport."

The course will cover the health benefits of weightlifting, movement techniques, and how to increase sport performance through weightlifting.

Funding has come through Bucks Sport from Sportivate, a nationwide campaign designed to capture the excitement of London 2012 by promoting Olympic sports.

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Pop-up lab is messy fun

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE profile of science as a subject was being raised at one school last week - with messy and sometimes explosive results.

Children at Wyvern School in Wolverton were kitted out in their best lab coats and goggles on Wednesday to carry out their very own experiments in a science-themed day.

Balloons were turned into rockets, paper airplanes were thrown - and of course Mentos were mixed with coke.

And while the children were having great fun, the event's organiser said the themed day had an important purpose - to bring science back to the fore.

School science co-ordinator Elise Hamilton said: "There have been a lot of changes in education and there are a lot of misconceptions that science is no longer a core subject.

"It's a case of 'let's treat it with the same sort of importance' - it's a fun subject for children and you can do so much including numeracy and literacy.

"For example some of the Year Twos will have a go at writing a news report on what they've done and there's been a number of activities going on all day that include measuring.

"So we wanted to raise the profile of science. The theme days will be a regular part of our school life and there's lots of follow-up activities we can now do.

"It all started off with National Science Week in March, but due to a number of reasons including an Ofsted inspection everything was put back a bit until last week.

"Primarily I hope the children have really enjoyed what fun science can be.

"We've talked about scientists' roles in general, that it's an exciting role to have.

"Also, sometimes maths and science teachers are perhaps seen as boring, so this is portraying that it isn't a boring subject and you can have a lot of fun with it.

"The good thing about today was they couldn't get enough of anything - they've done three activities and didn't want to leave any of them.

"Of course we did the coke and Mentos experiment, which I think has probably been the resounding success."

Wyvern and other schools in the area have also been working with nearby The Radcliffe School on giving some pupils the chance to sample what it's like to work in a real science lab.

Mrs Hamilton added: "I feel like we are starting to do a lot with science now, from what I have seen from the schools in our cluster, and that's really exciting."

Young scientists: Katie Barby, Marley Fowles, Rohan Parmar and Marcus Kingston get into the spirit at Wyvern School's science-themed day

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Taste of university life

A-LEVEL students from St Paul's Roman Catholic School, Stantonbury Campus and Lord Grey School have spent a day at the University of Bedfordshire to give them a taste of uni life. The pupils divided their time on the day last month between presentations on finance and choosing the right uni, talking to students and looking around the campus.

Orchard is a School4Life

ORCHARD School in Springfield has become one of only six across the country to have achieved the Schools4Life award. As reported last month by MK EDUCATION, the award recognises all the work done to improve the health and well-being of all those at a school.

Raising money for clean water

CHILDREN at one school have done a silent walk, written to the Prime Minister and collected a river of silver, all to help provide clean water for people around the world.

Students at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School in Monkston Park have been fundraising for Catholic aid agency CAFOD and its annual Give It Up Lent appeal.

All 400 children took part in a silent Walk for Water around their village, accompanied by parents, all wearing blue and carrying buckets of water and water bottles of up to six litres.

They have written prayers and wishes on paper shaped like droplets to send to David Cameron and also collected lots of silver coins. The money raised will be doubled thanks to UK Aid Match Funding.

Headteacher Maxine Clewlow said: "The walk was very beautiful and effective with all the children joining in by not speaking and the river of silver looked lovely.

"The whole campaign has worked really well and the children have really understood it and are showing great empathy, particularly as lots of our families are from Africa, so they feel like they are doing something for their own families."

School rocked audience in West End production

THE first major production to be put on by a school's students has earned rave reviews.

Children at The Hazeley Academy brought a touch of the West End to Milton Keynes when they produced and starred in We Will Rock You.

The award-winning musical, written by Ben Elton and based on the songs of Queen, has been a hit all around the world and is the longest running show at London's Dominion Theatre, now in its tenth year.

And students at the school put on a full-scale production last month.

Principal Mark Bennison said: "A phenomenal pride in the combined achievements of our dedicated staff and talented, hard-working students was palpable in the audience

"These were great nights for The Hazeley Academy and a sign of things to come.

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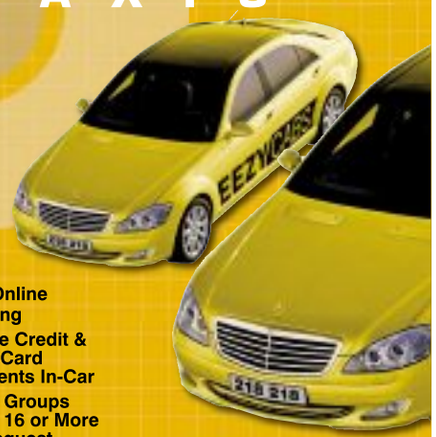

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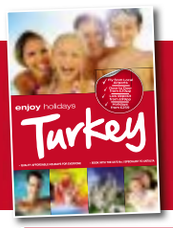

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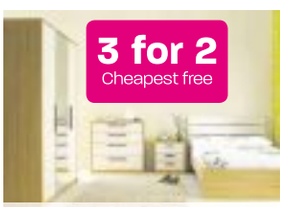

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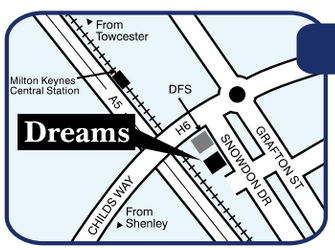

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BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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IT'S time to get over to the starting block as registration has opened for a half marathon in Milton Keynes.

After a hugely successful event last year, MK NEWS is once again the media partner for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children's (NSPCC) run taking place on July 8.

Budding athletes and first time runners are urged to take part in the 13.1-mile event.

Now in its 14th year, the generally flat, scenic route starts from Webber Independent School and follows the city's network of redways.

The race has raised more than £410,000 for the NSPCC and the charity is hoping for another record year as it aims to beat 2011's £52,000 fundraising total.

Sally Phipps, community fundraising manager for the NSPCC, said: "We have had such brilliant support for the MK half marathon over the last 13 years and hope this year's event is an even bigger success.

"Some children can experience a range of problems, from neglect to serious sexual abuse.

Half marathon: Runners at last year's event

"Some have the bravery to speak out, others suffer in silence.

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"Please do get in touch if you're interested in taking part."

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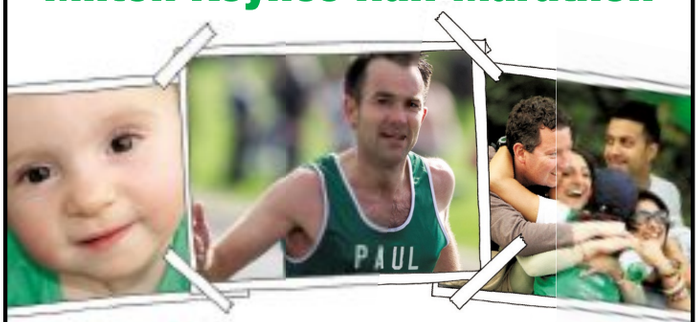

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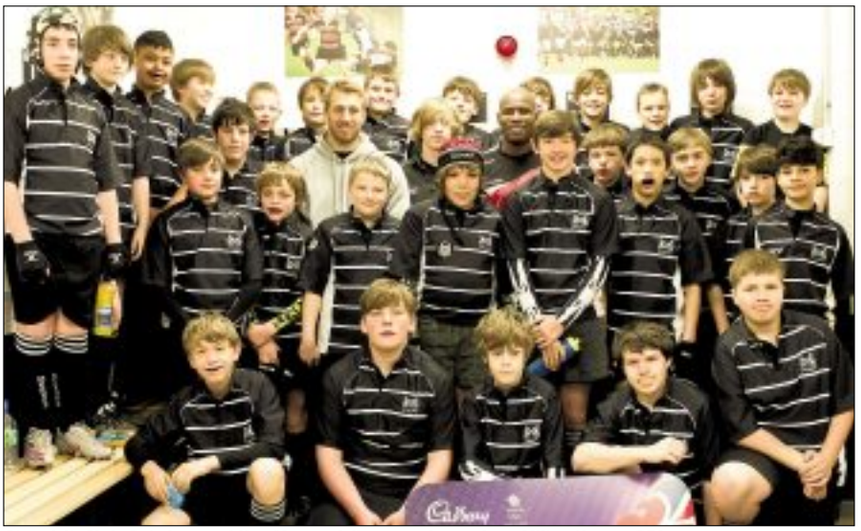

Star visit: Chris Robshaw and Ugo Monye visit young players from Milton Keynes RFC

Star duo drop by

BY DAN PALMER
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YOUNG city rugby union players have received an extra special treat – a coaching session laid on by two England internationals.

Current national team skipper Chris Robshaw and British and Irish Lions cap Ugo Monye dropped in to meet the players at Milton Keynes Rugby Club after the U13 team entered and won a competition held by chocolate giant Cadbury's.

The two stars transformed a normal training session into something more commonly seen in the international arena and the young hopefuls were really put through their paces. Special drills and exercises ensured this wasn't a normal night's training for the club, which is based at Emerson Valley.

Flanker Robshaw and winger Monye, who both turn out for Premiership leaders Harlequins, took part and helped the juniors improve their basic ball handling, passing and attacking skills.

Club president John Silk said: "All the boys enjoyed the special session and were please to receive coaching from the England pair.

"We moved into our new home at Emerson Valley one year ago so this made the first anniversary even more special."

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Rethink plea over Gift Aid

From left, Rachel Medill, Ride High, Greg Ellaway, MK SNAP, and Julia Upton and Ellie Walsh from MK Comumunity Foundation with their open letter to MPs and the reply

TEN charities have written to the city's MPs to urge the Government 'not to strangle the entire charitable sector'.

The letter appeals to Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart to support a campaign to scrap Chancellor George Osborne's Gift Aid proposals in his latest budget.

The proposal would see the amount donors can give to charities tax free capped at £50,000 or 25 per cent of their income, whichever is greater.

Julia Upton, chairman of MK Community Foundation, said: "We don't feel it was appreciated how local charities would be seriously affected by the changes.

"Donors are generous philanthropists and set the limit of what they can afford including tax. I think they feel they are under attack. Gift Aid is not a loophole for those trying to avoid tax.

"Already a lot of these groups have had their money from Government or local authorities greatly reduced or even removed altogether."

Mr Lancaster and Mr Stewart said representations have been made to Mr Osborne and they are awaiting his reply. In a letter to the charities they add it has always been the Government's intention to consult on the issue, and it is not meant to strangle the charitable sector.

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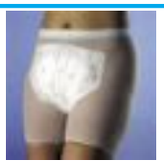

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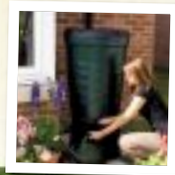

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Engelbert Humperdinck

I DON'T mind admitting that when I heard Engelbert Humperdinck was representing our fair isles in the Eurovision 'Song' Contest, I didn't quite know what to make of the news.

For one thing, he's the latest in a long line of ancient acts who've been brought back from 'the past' in recent years in an attempt to make the United Kingdom proud.

On the other hand though, he really can sing and he's got form for getting results from his warbling skills, Release Me was in the charts for so long that entire civilisations rose and fell while it was in the Top 50.

Now consider this if you dare, he'll be 76 years old in May, not only is he older than the contest he's trying to win, he could be actually older than television itself. At that age, how on earth can he possibly hope to hold his own against the teenagers, flashing lights, bright colours and pyrotechnics?

Most importantly, can he keep his dignity when put up against the contractually-obliged 'comedy' presenters who'll be wandering around the Green Room, interviewing the acts and proving beyond all doubt that what's funny in one country may not be in 45 others?

Can he do all this? Can he really? Well yes, he can. What's more, he'll do so with possibly the simplest and best song we've sent to Eurovision in decades.

We've had our fun, we sent Daz Sampson on stage for a giggle, we hooted when Scooch reformed and the only people on the planet who thought Blue had any chance at all were them, but now we've stopped messing about and we're sending a proper singer into battle with a proper tune.

Just Mr Humperdinck and a guitar, simple as that.

Just to make sure, he's going there with a gentle love song; talk about giving him home advantage.

He knows he's good at what he does, so there's no theatrics, no vocal acrobatics, no howling, just someone who's old enough to be your grandad giving X Factor wannabes and will-neverbes across the country a masterclass in how to do this sort of thing.

He has to win; he has no option. I wait all these years for a truly exceptional Eurovision entry and finally, with just one more week to go before I hand the keys to this column back to MK NEWS, I find one.

Better late than never, eh?

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CAMILLE O'SULLIVAN

Sunday, 8pm

AN ACTOR as well as a singer, Camille O'Sullivan enjoys a formidable international reputation for her dramatic interpretations of the songs of Brel, Cave, Waits, Bowie and more.

She's now touring in the UK for the first time since 2009 with Camille O'Sullivan: Feel, doing what she does best as only she can do it – heartrending, spine-tingling, rocked-out renditions of narrative songs by her favourite composers, including Radiohead.

Evocative of the magical stories you heard in childhood - not just the happy endings, but the older, darker tales full of mischief and mystery.

Each show will see Camille present new songs and old favourites with her talented three-piece band.

Dark, fierce, amusing and mesmerising, Camille transforms each song into an intense theatrical experience, drawing her audience into a world illuminated by the dark and the light. Expect fire, ice, darkness, joy and pure passion.

Chameleon-like on stage, each song has a different character with its story to tell.

An original cast member and regular guest star of the Olivier Award-winning show La Clique (later La Soiree), the award-winning singer has stunned audiences around the world with five-star sell-out performances, including New York, Sydney Opera House, London's Royal Festival Hall and a show-stealing

Camille O'Sullivan

appearance on Later with Jools Holland on BBC2.

Camille's startling, unique presence has also seen her become one of the Edinburgh Fringe's most consistent top-selling and acclaimed performers.

Since her last UK tour, she has toured Germany, Australia and most recently played sold out gigs at New York's Joe's Pub and the Dublin Olympia. Last month saw her headline the St Patrick's Day event at London's legendary Roundhouse.

Tickets are £16.50 from www.stables.org, or the box office on 01908 280800.

WOBURN SAFARI **PARK**

PEPPA Pig and her cheeky little brother George are set to bring lots of fun and excitement when they visit Woburn Safari Park on Sunday.

After a tour of the beautiful 60-acre safari park and its wonderful array of wild animals, join Peppa Pig and George in the Birds in Action theatre where they will be meeting their fans at intervals from 11am.

There will be five opportunities to see them throughout the day.

To make sure you don't miss out on the chance to meet Peppa and George at no extra cost to the park's standard admission tickets, book a special event ticket online specifically for Sunday in advance. These can be purchased now at www.woburn.co.uk.

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You can also enjoy plenty of keeper talks and demonstrations throughout the day in the award-winning Animal Encounters walk-through area. Here you can explore Monkey Business, Australian Walkabout, Land of the Lemurs and Penguin World.

Book now to avoid disappointment and ensure you and your little ones enjoy a magical day at Woburn Safari Park with Peppa and George.

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MK THEATRE - DIRTY DANCING 0844 8717652

THE man responsible for bringing Dirty Dancing to the stage hopes that audiences will have 'the time of their lives'.

Often sited as the ultimate chick-flick, women around Milton Keynes will be blasting out the Dirty Dancing soundtrack and practicing their moves ready for the arrival of the much anticipate stage production.

Given how iconic the film is it's not surprising that producer Karl Sydow was apprehensive about how well it would translate to the stage when he first took on the project eight years ago.

He said: "I knew if we managed to pull it off it would get the reaction that it has done but it was getting there that was a concern.

"People come to the show knowing the script and the soundtrack so you have to get it right."

Dirty Dancing has celebrated worldwide success and ticket demand for the first-ever UK tour has been phenomenal.

Audiences in Milton Keynes can enjoy the sensationally sexy theatre experience throughout May.

Karl said: "I'm looking forward to coming to Milton Keynes, it's the closest show to London so it will be interesting to see how audiences react whether they've seen it before or they've been waiting for it to come to their home town.

"Dirty Dancing is set in an American holiday resort during the summer of 1963 where Frances 'Baby' Houseman is holidaying with her parents and elder sister.

When she catches sight of Johnny Castle the resort's dance instructor she falls in love for the first time.

Karl said: "Women can relate to the story, it's the ultimate Cinderella story. Baby doesn't lose a shoe but she falls in love with the hottest guy and wins him over with dance.

"It's also got a gritty side. There's a parallel story in which the dancer Penny falls in love with a bad guy and gets pregnant at the wrong time, the wrong age, with the wrong guy."

Karl explained that Dirty Dancing is a world apart from the stage productions he's used to producing such as Strindberg's Dance Of Death.

He said: "It's a massive jump from other things I've done and people who have seen my other productions that have come to Milton Keynes will recognise that but my daughter used to watch the film with her friends over and over again so I knew that a large demographic would find it pretty interesting."

Featuring all your favourite hit songs including Hungry Eyes, Hey Baby and Do You Love Me, this is an unprecedented live experience.

Dirty Dancing will be at Milton Keynes Theatre from May 1-26. Tickets cost between £10 and £48.50 from 0844 871 7652, or www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes (booking fees apply).

MK THEATRE - WONDERFUL TOWN

IT'S an old, old musical theatre story but hey, it works! And if that's not the cue for a song…

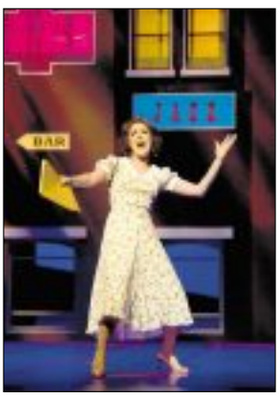
Small town innocent arrives in big city in search of fame, fortune and love. In the case of Wonderful Town it is two sisters - Eileen and Ruth - who pitch up in New York fresh from Hicksville, Ohio.

It's been a long journey from the real-life experiences in the 1920s of a budding journalist from Ohio called Ruth McKenney to the stage in Milton Keynes Theatre. But it's a welcome arrival.

And though it's 60 years since Leonard Bernstein was approached by lyricists Betty Comden and Adolph Green to write the music for Wonderful Town, the songs are as fresh, funny and feisty as they ever were.

The storyline and many of the characters may be as thin as cardboard, but the song and dance numbers positively burst with energy, colour and life.

No more so, than when performed by former Sound of Music talent contest winner, Connie Fisher as Ruth. In her first role since having major surgery on her vocal chords, she is back in fantastically good form – albeit with a voice that doesn't hit those top 'Cs' any more.



Lucy van Gasse, as Eileen, has just enough 'blonde' moments to provide some great laughs without becoming stereotypically 'dumb'.

Michael Xavier, as the impossibly tall, dark and handsome love interest and Nic Greenshields, the improbably tall but eminently likeable former college football player, The Wreck, both provide great support.

But it's a show that wouldn't work without a terrifically lively and talented company. This production, a collaboration between Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre Company, The Halle Orchestra and The Lowry, Salford, has just that.

The young cast fizzes with life throughout every number, whether it's swing, jazz, jive or beat. And for me the joy culminates in the all-singing, all-dancing troupe of 'Oirish' new York cops who have lost their hearts to Eileen. The number is as off-the-wall as it is hilarious.

While Wonderful Town doesn't have the soaring, unforgettable tunes that characterised Bernstein's later masterpiece, West Side Story, it is still a glorious romp through a wonderfully entertaining show.

Judy Riley

■ Wonderful Town is at Milton Keynes Theatre until Saturday. Get tickets from 0844 871 7652, or www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes (booking fees apply).

MK GALLERY

SCRATCH NIGHTS: FILM SCREENING AND TALKS

Tomorrow, 6.30pm

A SCREENING of Life in the Woods by Olivia Plender and Patrick Staff.

It will be introduced by Patrick and there will be a talk entitled 'Paganism: not a spiritual path but a sitting among the trees' by Dr Graham Harvey.

In the spring of 2011 Patrick and Olivia, both artists, invited a small group of participants to live together for a week in John's Lee Wood, Leicestershire.

They explored communal living and film making, borrowing a format from outdoor educational programmes started in the early 20th century such as the Kibbo Kift, Woodcraft Folk and Forest School Camps.

The resulting film, rather than telling the story of their experience in the woods, reflects on whether living experiments such as this have the potential to produce new forms of collectivity.

Dr Harvey's talk will follow the screening. He has researched among Jews, Pagans and indigenous peoples. Free.

Friday Night Film: Up in the Air will be showing at MK Gallery this week

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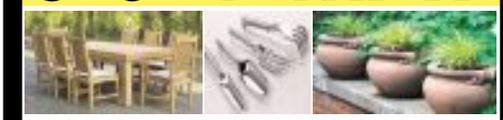
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FILM REVIEW

AFRICAN CATS (U)

Synopsis: Disney nature documentary on the African savannah
Who's in it: Samuel L Jackson, lions, cheetahs

A NATURE documentary probably isn't the first thing that pops into your head when you plan a trip to the cinema but African Cats might manage to change that.

It's the latest offering from Walt Disney's Disneynature film label, which in the past has brought us epics such as Earth and Oceans.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to work out what the subject matter is here, or where the film is set.

Both Africa and its big cats have fascinated both film makers and viewers over the years and with documentaries such as this hitting the screens that trend shows little sign of slowing down.

The film, which has been described as a 'true life adventure', tells the stories of two groups of cats using actual footage that has been shot in the wild, in the north of Kenya's Masai Mara national reserve.

Sita, a 'fearless' cheetah, has just given birth to five cubs. But this beautiful solitary big cat must keep her mischievous newborns safe from predators if they are to survive in their environment.

Further south, the River Pride pack of lionesses hunt for food, but six-month-old cub Mara faces an uncertain future after her mother, Layla, is injured by a zebra.

The pride's proud leader, broken-toothed Fang, patrols their territory but his authority is now threatened by a once-banished lion looking to expand his empire.

Samuel Jackson is on hand to narrate as the film essentially turns into a real life Lion King, and that's no bad things at all.

Many of us enjoy watching nature programmes on TV, and for a large proportion of that group the plains of Africa would be their number one travel destination.

African Cats takes you there and because the action unfolds on the big screen then that makes it all the more spectacular.

This isn't something that would be appreciated as much on your television set at home, as some of the footage is so astounding, both visually and aurally, that only the cinema can do it justice.

What Disney has done is combine the real-life action with a soppy, child friendly storyline about family bonds, struggles and friendship.

The more older members can enjoy the scenery while the younger ones will undoubtedly become attached to the cats, just like they would for any other Disney hero.

To sum up this is a nature lover's dream which comes loaded with extra heartfelt warmth.

8/10

COMPETITION

IT DOESN'T matter if you're a novice or if you've been doing it for years, parking can be tricky.

Parallel parking has been the undoing of many a good driver and even bay parking can be a nightmare if neighbouring cars are awkwardly parked.

That's why elephant.co.uk has joined forces with TV presenter and self-proclaimed 'Best Driver Ever' Tim Shaw to take a lighthearted look at the perils of parking.

In the video, novice parkers are taught the science of parking from stunt driver and double British Autotest Champion Alastair Moffat and Tim challenges them to a parking contest of epic proportions.

Once you've seen it, you'll never

struggle to parallel park again!

To watch the video and play the fun but infuriating Parking Mania game visit www.elephant.co.uk/parking.

We have teamed up with elephant.co.uk to help you get the most out of driving by offering one lucky reader £200 of Halfords vouchers.

To enter simply click on the competition section of our website at www.mk-news.co.uk and follow the link to watch the video and get this answer to this question:

What vehicle do the novice parkers drive for their parking challenge?

a) A double decker bus
b) A hummer
c) A tank.

Send your answer, together with your name, address and contact telephone number, to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU, or email competitions@mk-news.co.uk.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, May 2 and the winner will be notified. The editor's decision is final.

COMEDY CLUBS

THE COMEDY CLUB CITY LIMITS, XSCAPE

Tomorrow, doors 7.30pm, show starts 8.30pm

AWARD-WINNING comic Jason Patterson headlines this night of laughter.

In 2009 he made his TV debut with a set on Kojo's Comedy Funhouse which aired on MTV Base and the following year he starred in a new comedy sketch show Brown Eyed Boy, which aired on BBC3.

He has also been named as the Loaded Laftas Rising Star Comedy Award, and with the confidence and stage presence of a seasoned he is definitely one to watch out for.

Also on the bill is Tom Price, who bounds on stage full of energy and audiences warm immediately to his puppy-like charm and sense of fun, and Leicester Comedy Festival New Act of The Year winner Stuart Mitchell.

Tickets cost £14.95 and include the show and a basket meal. For more information visit www.thecomedyclub.co.uk.

RED CARD COMEDY CLUB DOUBLETREE HILTON, STADIUMMK

Friday, doors 7.30pm, show starts 8.45pm

FOUR more comedians are set to take to the stage as the Red Card team returns to the city.

Sally Anne Hayward, described by Norman Widsom as the funniest female entertainer he'd ever seen, kicks off the evening and is set to deliver a mix of feisty stand-up, clever observations and sharp punch lines.

Next up is Adam Crow, who is known for his poignant and laid back style and an almost infinite range of diverse material which has won him fans including Ricky Gervais.

Also appearing is former Hollyoaks actor turned comedian James Redmond who, fresh off the telly, is looking forward to telling us tales of texting, girlfriends and Barry from Bristol.

Finishing off the evening is top UK headliner Rob Deering, who has turned up consistently on TV shows and comedy clubs, playing his guitar.

Tickets are £12 in advance, or £13 on the door, and discounts for groups of ten or more are available. The last two shows have been sold out so booking in advance is recommended. To book call 01908 364184, or visit www.doubletreemk.co.uk.

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DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

SPY Games for Willen Hospice. Guests will be given a briefing by M over pre-dinner drinks where they will be given their assignment to 'capture' the most spy dollars. Teams of agents will take on a variety of head-to-head and team challenges designed to test whether they are good enough to be On Her Majesty's Secret Service. An agent's place is £35, which includes a full evening of espionage, entertainment, three-course meal and a welcome drink. E-mail waterhousea@willen-hospice.org.uk.

FRIDAY

CONTINUING the Platform Clearing with BTCV Railway Walk Experience. Clearing of topsoil, weeds and ivy from the Great Linford platform. Meet in Broadway Avenue, between Harvard Close and Snowshill Court, Great Linford, 10.30am-3pm.

UNDERPASS Promotions presents Gunslinger, The Craufurd Arms, Wolverton. Doors open 7.30pm, tickets £5 in advance, £6 on the door, available from www.thecraufurdarms.com, www.wegottickets.com, or www.seetickets.com.

SATURDAY

MK RAMBLERS' 13-mile circular walk via Alderton and Yardley Gobion. Meet at 10am at Lower Lock Farm, off the A508 (GR SP750489). Call 01908 516162.

INTERNATIONAL Cat Show and Craft Fair, Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Stantonbury Campus. More than 150 cats (both pedigree and household pets) will be competing to impress judges flying in from Australia and the USA. Variety of trade stalls, cat-related and crafts. Open from 9.30am to 4pm. Small admission fee payable at the door. See www.coontica.org.uk. Also on Sunday.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS' Hertfordshire Way Part Two. Meet at 8am at the Windmill pub car park, Caldecotte Lake (GR SP887355). A 12-13 mile linear walk from Caldecotte to Willen. Half empty cars essential. Call 07743 133858.

SIX-AND-A-HALF mile circular walk. Meet at 10am at Ampthill Park car park (GR TL024382). Bring refreshments as required. No dogs. Call 01908 669698.

AORTAS Acoustic Evening, Vaults Bar, High Street, Stony Stratford. An open mic night. Details at www.aortas.org.uk and www.facebook/aortasmk.

CHARITY Gala Dinner, Jaipur, CMK. The award-winning Indian restaurant will be holding a dinner in aid of Save the Children from 7pm. The four-course set menu will cost £22 per person, excluding drinks. For donations and tickets, contact Jaipur Restaurant on 01908 669796, or email info@jaipur.co.uk, or Ousedale School on 01908 313733 or email briangeorge917@btinternet.com.

ZUMBA Fever Party Night, MK Lions Arena, Winterhill. Zumba rountines to your favourite pop, disco and party sounds and some old time classics - Saturday Night Fever, Jacksons, Beyonce, 60s, 70s, Latin and so much more. Three hours of Zumba fun, including a raffle. Tickets £13 in advance, £15 on the day/door, or £5 per hour. Call Rosa on 07721 038823.

MONDAY

QUIZ night, The Barge Inn, Woolstones. Pit your wits against the city's best and brightest, while raising money for Willen Hospice. Starts 9pm, £1 per team member.

TUESDAY

WELLNESS Evaluations, Milton Keynes Wellness Centre. Aiming to improve the nutrition and wellness of at least 2,500 people. If you'd like to lose weight or just get healthier then pop in for a free one-to-one evaluation. From 9am.

WEDNESDAY

FAMILY History Talk: Before Parish Registers, Methodist Hall, Queensway, Bletchley. Buckinghamshire Family History Society's guest speaker, Ian Waller, looks at research opportunities from sources which pre-date parish registers, 7.15 for 7.30pm, free. Non-members welcome, a small donation is appreciated. For more visit www.bucksfhs.org.uk.

MK TRAVEL

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WALKING through the cheetah enclosure in the dead of night we spot the outline of the speedy feline on our right - panic spreads - it looks like it is ready to pounce.

On closer inspection with our handy torches we realise it is just a statue.

The real ones are safely behind two inches of glass, two dozing in their heated den with their brother sitting on his haunches watching a group of people armed with lights gaze inquisitively at the pack.

This is not some kind of exotic African safari, but an exclusive night tour of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

There are just 16 guests and three zoo staff guiding us round. It is just us and the animals - each wondering what the others are up to.

Until recently the various species thought they had the zoo to themselves at night, able to howl, roar and chirp away at their pleasure. They really come alive at night.

The zoo, famous for its rolling landscapes and spectacular views, has been offering these overnight breaks since the beginning of the month and has already had massive interest.

There are eight small, but very cosy, wooden lodges nestled opposite the white rhino paddock.

We started the evening with an hour-and-a-half tour, stopping off to feed the bongos (striped antelopes) and watch the lions climb trees and chase each other round playfully. Wallabies hop past, many carrying Joeys in their pouches.

We wind up in the restaurant opposite the tiger enclosure feasting on a luxurious barbecue before heading back to our warm lodges on the torchlit tour, passing the flamingos, cheetahs, wolves and lions.

An after-hours excursion to the toilet, which is just a few metres away from the lodges, is an adventure in itself.

The only sounds apart from my shuffling feet is the far-away growl of an unknown animal - or was it.

The night plays tricks on the noises, but it only adds to the enjoyment of the night.

First thing in the morning, waking to the sound of rain pattering the roof (unfortunately you are still victim to the typical British weather) we are whisked up to the restaurant to enjoy a full English breakfast before being taken to see the zoo wake up, still the only visitors in the park.

Sophie Scott

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Local Hypnotherapist meets new national standards

A Milton Keynes based hypnotherapist has become one of the first in the country to achieve a new national standard of excellence for her therapy.

Rachael Slack DHP LAPHP has been registered by the Complementary & Natural Healthcare Council (CNHC), the UK regulator for complementary healthcare.

The recognition places her at the forefront of a national drive to provide a benchmark for standards and safety for the public. Practitioners registered with the CNHC meet national occupational standards and abide by a rigorous code of conduct, performance and ethics.

By providing a verification of standards, the CNHC allows GPs, hospitals, private healthcare providers and insurance companies to refer patients to hypnotherapy practitioners or to make hypnotherapy more readily available in health centres, clinics, doctors' surgeries and hospitals. It also offers individuals the assurance that their chosen therapist has met with the criteria laid down by the CNHC.

Rachael said: "Achieving registration is not only great news for me and my clients, but a vital step for hypnotherapy."

Based on this recognition, Rachael has taken the initiative to bring Hypnosis and Hypnotherapy to the forefront of the public eye by opening the first HypnoLife Centre on Queensway in Bletchley. With multiple, relaxation and consulting rooms, training and group session area, the new centre will offer the very best in Hypnotherapy including regular Hypnobirthing classes for expectant Mothers and their partners, facilities for other therapists and, ultimately, training in hypnosis and hypnotherapy for anyone who is considering a career as a Hypnotherapist.

Offering a FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION, Rachael encourages anyone who is considering Hypnotherapy or just would like to find out more, to make use of this offer.

"It really enables both client and therapist to discuss any areas of difficulty and formulate a therapy, based on the individual needs of the client."

HypnoLife also welcome enquiries from other Professional Hypnotherapists wishing to use the facilitiesat the centre.

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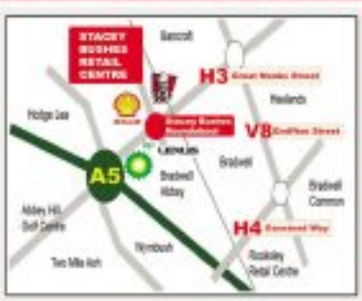

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- Two En-suites
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- Allocated Parking

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Bradwell **OIEO £250,000**

- Cul de sac location
- Extended detached house
- Four Bedrooms
- Master Ensuite
- Double Glazing
- Gas central heatinng

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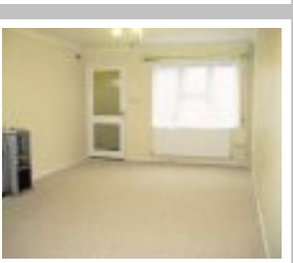

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- Cul De Sac Location
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- Warden Controlled

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- Well maintained Garden
- Part converted Garage

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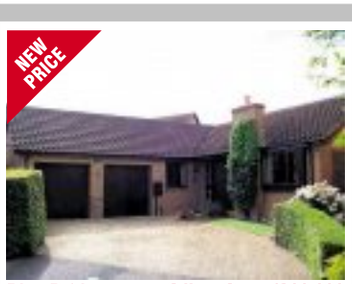

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- Double Garage

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- Brick built shed
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- End of Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- No upper chain
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Bletchley OIEO £48,500
- 35% shared ownership
- Two Bedrooms
- No upper chain
- Double glazing
- Off road parking
- Communal Gardens

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NEW PRICE

Bletchley Offers Over £145,000
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- Semi-detached
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- Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Double glazing
- Garage

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Bletchley £134,995
- Two Bedroom
- End of Terrace Bungalow
- No upper chain
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Front & rear Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

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NEW INSTRUCTION

Bletchley £225,000
- Well presented and extended
- Four Bed Detached
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- Double glazing
- Driveway & Garage

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Fenny Stratford OIEO £100,000
- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Good Location
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated parking
- No upper chain

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Bletchley £245,000
- Well presented & extended
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Reception rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom & Shower room
- Gardens & Garage

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Bletchley Guide £240,000
- Four Bed Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Double glazing
- Detached Garage
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Bletchley OIEO £135,000
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- Two double bedrooms and enclosed terrace
- Intergrated kitchen appliances
- Great specification throughout
- Allocated parking spaces
- Walking distance to Bletchley train station
- Years free membership to a leisure centre for purchasers

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LAST ONE REMAINING! £275,000
- 4 bedroom detached new home
- Open plan kitchen/diner layout
- Separate lounge with bay window to front
- Top of the house is devoted to the master suite
- Double parking driveway leads to garage
- Excellent access to Kingston centre and M1

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PLOT OF THE WEEK! £205,000
- 3 Storey new terrace home
- Open plan 20' kitchen/dining area
- Large separate living room
- Master bedroom includes ensuite and fitted wardrobes
- Two further doubles bedrooms
- Great location near a lake and nature reserve

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GENEROUS ACCOMMODATION £250,000
- 3 Storey 4 bedroom end terrace new home
- Large lounge/diner with patio doors to garden
- Master bedroom has ensuite and fitted wardrobes
- All bedrooms are doubles
- Allocated parking
- Great location near lake and nature reserve

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IDEAL FOR COMMUTERS £174,950
- Stunning 2 bedroom new home
- Stylish fitted kitchen and laundry room
- Lounge/diner with patio doors leading to garden
- 2 spacious bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom
- Situated walking distance of mainline trains
- MUST BE VIEWED!!

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VERSATILE NEW HOME £239,995
- 4 Bedroom, versatile new home
- Bedrooms on ground and top floor with en-suites
- Spacious living room
- Juliet balcony
- Flooring and landscaping included
- Excellent access to M1, Kingston Centre, and popular schools

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FRINGE OF COUNTRYSIDE £462,000
- 4 bedroom, 2 ensuite, detached new home
- Spacious kitchen leading on to the garden
- Garden backs on to farmland
- Double garage and private driveway
- Location near Salcey Forest
- Quick access to Olney, Milton Keynes and Northampton

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IMPRESSIVE SIZED ROOMS £337,000
- Brand new 4 bedroom detached home
- 1800 Sq ft of accommodation and south facing garden
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- Great access to the M1

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STUNNING 4 BED £259,950
- 4 Bedroom semi detached new home
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- Spacious living/dining room with doors onto garden
- Study and top floor dedicated to master suite
- Situated on adjoining popular Walton Park and Walnut Tree
- Allocated parking plus great access to M1

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VILLAGE NEW HOME £176,950
- 3 Bedroom cottage style home
- Spacious open plan living/dining room
- South facing garden
- Double parking to the front
- Village offers a range of amenities and good connections to
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SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME £305,000
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- 25' Kitchen/Dining area opening onto garden
- Top floor dedicated to master suite
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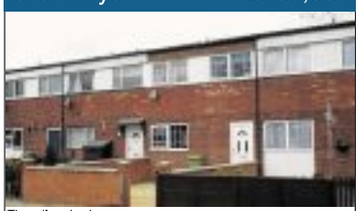
Lounge

Greenleys £135,000



Three/four bedrooms
Kitchen/diner
Cloakroom
Double glazing
Conservatory
Rear garden

Bolbeck Park £290,000

Four bedroom detached
En suite to master
Two reception rooms
Conservatory
Kitchen and utility
Canal views

Fishermead OIEO £75,000

Close to Central Milton Keynes
First floor apartment
Bedroom & bathroom
Lounge
Kitchen
Garage

Bradwell Common £300,000

Detached property
Four bedrooms
Three reception rooms
Kitchen/breakfast room
En suite
Off road parking

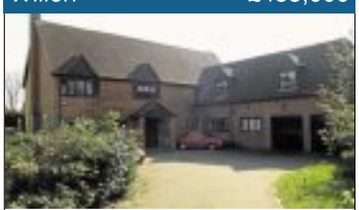
Deanshanger £268,000

Unique self build property
Four bedrooms
Shower room and bathroom
Open plan living area
Kitchen and utility
Gardens

Bradwell OIEO £215,000

Detached Bungalow
Popular location
Garage
2/3 Bedrooms
Conservatory
Gas to radiator heating

Willen £455,000



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Large Driveway
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Conservatory
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One Bedroom Terraced Property
Double Glazing
Kitchen
Lounge
Rear garden & parking
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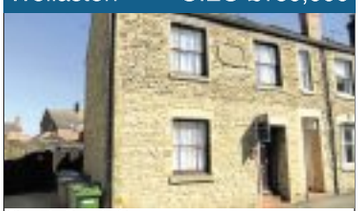
Wollaston OIEO £160,000



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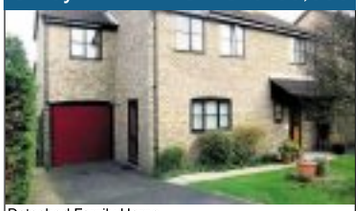

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Two bedrooms
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Rear garden
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Kitchen
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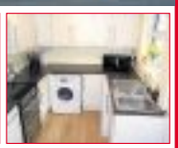
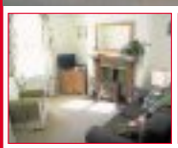


- 2 double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Full cellar
- Re-fitted kitchen
- UPVC double glazing
- Close to local ameneties
- Enclosed rear garden with outbuildings

WOLVERTON £145,000



- 2 double bedrooms
- Mid terraced house
- Separate reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Extended Sun room
- Many original features
- Gas to radiator heating
- Close to local ameneties

WOLVERTON £140,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Overlooking Tennis Courts
- In need of complete modernisation
- Three reception rooms
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Close to local ameneties

DEANSHANGER £230,000

- 4 bedroom semi detached
- En-suite to master bedroom
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Kitchen with built in oven & hob
- Gas to radiator heating
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- Off road parking & single garage

WOLVERTON £160,000

- 3 bed mid-terrace property
- Re-fitted kitchen with built in appliances
- UPVC double glazing
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating via replacement boiler
- Lounge through diner
- One and a half width garage

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WOLVERTON £179,995

- 3 bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Loft room
- Separate reception rooms
- Dowstairs shower room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Single garage

BRADVILLE £155,000

- 3 bedroom semi detached
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Enclosed rear garden backing onto the Green
- Single garage
- Off road parking

CMK £79,000

- Second floor studio flat
- UPVC double glazing
- Laminate flooring
- Separate kitchen
- Shower room
- Residents parking
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £170,000

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- Completely re-furbished
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- Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Separate reception rooms
- Upstairs shower room
- Downstairs bathroom
- Off road parking

WOLVERTON £144,995

- 3 bedrooms
- Semi detached house
- UPVC double glazing
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- Larger than average rear garden
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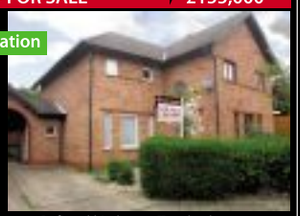

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■ Sitting/dining room ■ Refitted kitchen ■ Two bedrooms
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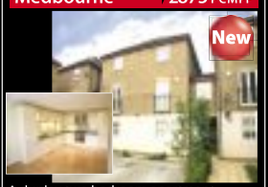
Medbourne £875 PCM PF



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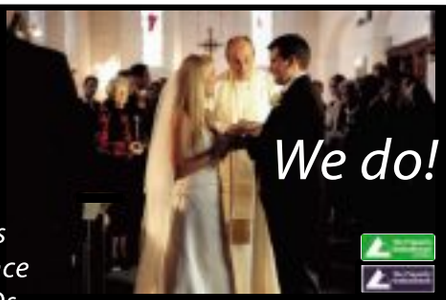

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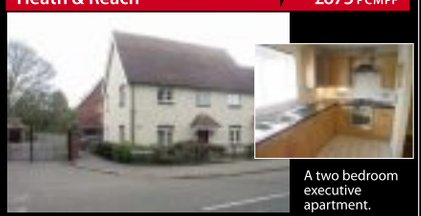

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Interviews will be held on Friday 18th May 2012.

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If you wish to discuss any of the above posts please contact Linda Nouch, Headteacher on 01582 616601.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

If you have the drive, enthusiasm and commitment to help develop our school further please contact **Mandy Huggins** on 01582 616601 or email: **dallow.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk** for further information and an application pack.

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Interviews planned for: 24th, 25th, 28th & 29th May 2012

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Newnham Middle School
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Polhill Avenue, Bedford MK41 9DT
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Headteacher: Maxine Burrows
Number on roll: 600

As from September 2012 we require a

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TLR 2A

We are looking for an **excellent, dynamic** and **motivated teacher** with the **vision** to **raise standards** of achievement and to further develop strong **teaching and learning** in **Modern Foreign Languages.**

Closing date: Monday 14th May (9am)
Interviews: Friday 18th May

Full details of the post and the Bedford Borough application form are on our website on www.newnham.beds.sch.uk – alternatively please contact Pauline Corbyn, Headteacher's PA (pcorbyn@newnham-middle.org.uk)

Mrs Burrows is available for tours of the school and informal chat

Newnham Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The position requires an enhanced criminal records bureau (CRB) disclosure.

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Visits to the school prior to making an application are most welcome. We look forward to hearing from you.

An application form and further details are available from the Headteacher or Mrs. J. Cross, 01582 661342, or via email: office@streetfield.beds.sch.uk

Closing date: Tuesday 1st May 2012

Streetfield is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people. All appointments are subject to enhanced CRB checks.

St. Monica's Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Peter Kennedy

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The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All posts are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. If you are interested and would like further details and an application pack please contact Miss Brown in the school office.

Closing date: Friday 4th May 2012
Interviews will held on: Friday 11th May 2012

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To apply for this role please submit a copy of your CV with a covering letter to Louise Brinklow at SummitSkills, Vega House, Opal Drive, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DF or by email to louise.brinklow@summitskills.org.uk
For further information contact Louise on 01908 303966.

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You will ensure there is a systematic victim perspective in relation to work with young people who offend, particularly in regard to implementing restorative justice measures. The post holder will receive referrals, case management supervision and managerial oversight from the YOS Service Manager. Experience of working with vulnerable people or victims and working within a multi-agency environment is essential. Flexibility to work daytime, some evenings and occasional weekends to facilitate victims, young people and carers to participate in restorative justice interventions is also needed.

Closing date: 5pm on 4th May 2012
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Commencing September 2012

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Commencing September 2012

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Job descriptions and an application form are available to download from the school's website. Please send applications for both posts for the attention of Julie Shepherd or via email to hr@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.

Closing Date: Wednesday 2nd May 2012
Interviews: w/c Monday 7th May 2012

All appointments at Biddenham International School are subject to enhanced CRB clearance

St PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Specialist Science College and Training School

Phoenix Drive Leadenhall Milton Keynes MK6 5EN

Headteacher: Michael Manley

MINISTERIUM TUUM IMPLE

St Paul's is a thriving and successful Catholic school with an excellent reputation. We are committed to the care of all pupils and to challenge and support them to do the best that is possible. The hard work of a highly motivated, professional and friendly staff continues to lead to higher levels of pupil learning and examination success. Our last OfSTED inspection, judged St Paul's to be an outstanding school. The Governors are looking to make the following appointments.

CATERING ASSISTANT

(One year maternity cover, starting May/June 2012)
St Paul's Range 1 Point 4 (£12,757) Fixed
(Pro rata £8,992)
31.25 hours per week; 39 weeks per year (Term time) plus 1 extra week

You should be experienced, energetic and enthusiastic. You would join a catering team in preparing and serving meals and snacks for the pupils, staff and visitors. Hours of work, Monday to Friday: 7.30am to 2.15pm, week 1 and 8.45am to 3.30pm, week 2.

HOUSEKEEPERS

(£6.61 per hour)
39 weeks per year (Term-time) plus 3 extra weeks.

You should take pride in your work and have a special interest in keeping the school clean and tidy. The hours of work are 7.00am - 9.00am Monday to Friday. 2.45pm – 4.45pm Monday and Friday – 3.30pm to 5.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

(Posts are permanent, fixed term, maternity and long term sickness cover)
St Paul's Range 1 (£16,229 to £17,641)
(Pro rata £10,372 to £11,274)
29 hours per week; 38 weeks per year (Term time only)

You would support the learning of pupils with special needs within the classroom. The hours of work are 8.45am until 2.45pm on Monday and Friday and 3.35pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

St Paul's Pay Range 1 (£15,352 to £17,641)
(Pro rata £8,797 to £10,108)
26 hours per week 38 weeks per year (34 weeks term time and 4 weeks holiday)

The person appointed, will support the work of the school science laboratories in the preparation of materials for lessons, as part of a team of technicians, in this successful and developing science department. A science background is an advantage but not essential as training will be given.

For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Friday 4 May 2012.

St Paul's Catholic School is committed to the safeguarding of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure.

Giffard Park Primary School

Broadway Avenue, Giffard Park, Milton Keynes, MK14 5PY
Tel: 01908 617868 Headteacher: Glenn Booth
www.giffardpark.milton-keynes.sch.uk Twitter: @gboothatgiffard

Giffard Park Primary is a successful school with high expectations situated in an established area of Milton Keynes.

Over the last 5 years the school has developed a local, and regional, reputation for our innovative use of outstanding ICT resources to enhance learning and teaching and are looking to appoint (for September 2012) an experienced teacher to the post of:

ICT (Learning & Teaching) Leader

(TLR 2(a) - £2,535)

The children, staff and governors are looking to appoint a lead professional who:

- is an outstanding classroom teacher (in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2);
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- enthusiastic pupils who are eager to learn and an ethos of high expectations;
- access to outstanding ICT facilities; and
- excellent CPD opportunities and support to develop your leadership role.

For an information pack, or to arrange a visit, please contact Natalie Goodman on (01908) 617868 or email the school at enquiries@giffardpark.milton-keynes.sch.uk.

The closing date for applications is **noon, 8th May, 2012**.
Shortlisting: 8th May 2012 Interviews: 1**1th May, 2012**

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Technician

Closing Date 8 May 2012 5.00pm

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Lead Teacher of Maths – TLR 1

We have the following teaching vacancies:

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Psychology

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

If you would like to join our team, please download an application pack at www.waltonhigh.org.uk

Online applications are encouraged.

Alternatively contact Human Resources on 01908 247600 (24 hours).

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Send C.V.s to: Tina Beaumont-Goddard, Director, NHF, One Abbey Court, Fraser Road, Priory Business Park, Bedford, MK44 3WH or email: tina.beaumont@nhf.info

Closing date for applications: Friday 11th May 2012

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Ref: PAP/466

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Our Personal Support Assistants are subject to an enhanced CRB check and satisfactory employment references. We offer enhancements where applicable and full training. A full UK driving license would be an advantage. If you want to work in a growing organisation that is helping more people to increase their independence, we look forward to receiving your application.

Closing date for applications: 4th May 2012

Interviews will take place on: 14th and 15th May 2012

To apply for this role please download an application pack from our website: www.papworth.org.uk/jobs.php Alternatively please email recruitment@papworth.org.uk or contact our HR Team on 01480 357200 for an application pack. We are unable to accepts CVs in lieu of an application form.

If you have not heard from us within two weeks after the closing date, please presume that your application has been unsuccessful. Please note that no discourtesy is intended by this practice.

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Start date for both positions: September 2012 (July start possible for NQTs).

Teacher of History

Full-Time. Salary: MPS (plus Bedford Academy weighting)
Closing date for applications: Tuesday 8th May 2012.
Interviews: Monday 14th May 2012.

Teacher of Geography (and Humanities)

Full-Time. Salary: MPS (plus Bedford Academy weighting)
Closing date for applications: Thursday 3rd May 2012.
Interviews: Thursday 10th May 2012.

We are looking for talented teachers with the enthusiasm and drive to live up to our high expectations to deliver. You can expect to work in a supportive and high energy atmosphere.

We wish to appoint someone who has:

- Excellent classroom and interpersonal skills;
- The ability to work as part of a team;
- Creative and new ideas with an ability to translate them into practice;
- Ability to work independently and to prioritize workload;
- High quality organisational skills;
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For an application pack, please contact Amanda Mulqueen via email: amulqueen@bedfordacademy.co.uk

Bedford Academy is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to enhanced CRB checks and excellent references.

Bedford Academy, Mile Road, Bedford. MK42 9TR. www.bedfordacademy.co.uk

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BEDFORD SCHOOL

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For further details, please visit the Bedford School's website: **www.bedfordschool.org.uk/support-staff-vacancies/** or to download an application pack, please visit the Bedford Charity website: **www.bedfordcharity.org.uk/jobs**

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Closing Date
3 May 2012 (1pm)
Interviews
10 May 2012

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You must be educated to degree level, have sound applied knowledge of Javascript, Ajax, SQL, XML/XLST and excellent data analytical skills. You must have a full driving licence with no pending issues.

There is a requirement that Corporate Clothing will be worn by the successful candidate.

An application form, job description and personnel specification, together with other relevant details may be obtained from the Personnel Section on 01234 845025.

Completed application forms must be returned by: Monday 14th May 2012. It is anticipated that interviews will be held on Monday 28th May 2012.

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Headteacher: Michael Manley

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LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Salary: St Paul's Pay Range 2 (£16,938 to £20,590)
(Pro rata £12,131 to £14,746)
32.5 Hours per week term time only

The person appointed, will support the work of the school library. You need to be an enthusiastic reader with an interest in all kinds of books. You must be flexible, and happy to be interrupted many times a day! You need to be cheerful, energetic and encouraging, and to enjoy working with young people.

LITERACY COACH

Salary: St Paul's Pay Range 3 (£20,233 to 22,691)
(Pro rata £13,376 to £15,001)
30 Hours per week term time only

The person appointed will help to improve the literacy skills of pupils at St. Paul's. Working with individual pupils or small groups of pupils you will need to have good literacy skills. You need to be cheerful, energetic and encouraging, and enjoy working with young people.

For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Friday 4 May 2012.

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email: merebrookp@milton-keynes.gov.uk
web: www.merebrookinfantschool.co.uk
Interim Headteacher: Mrs Sandie Jenner

MPS Foundation/KS1 Teacher

Required from September 2012
Permanent Full Time Contract

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher to join our hardworking and dynamic teaching team.

The successful candidate will have:

- A genuine love of children and a desire to enthuse and inspire children to achieve their full potential.
- High quality teaching skills and high expectations of pupil achievement, progress and behaviour.

In return we offer you:

- A committed and supportive staff team.
- Well behaved, enthusiastic children who are keen to learn.
- Professional development opportunities.

Applications from NQTs or experienced teachers seeking to broaden their experience are welcomed.

Visits to the school are encouraged. Please contact Mrs Gill Ashley to arrange an appointment or to request an application form and further details about the post.

All applicants will require an enhanced CRB check in accordance with our Safeguarding policy.

Closing Date: 9.00 a.m. Wednesday 9th May
Interview Date: Monday 14th May

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

Federation of Bedford Catholic Schools

Website: www.st-gregorys.beds.sch.uk
Email: enquiries@st-gregorys.beds.sch.uk

'Living, Learning and Growing Together With Jesus'

St Gregory's Catholic Middle School is a popular, inclusive and over-subscribed school. Applications are invited from candidates who will:

- Be supportive of our Catholic Ethos
- Provide outstanding lessons that inspire and extend our children
- Raise the educational achievements of all in Key Stages 2 and 3

St Gregory's is an active partner in the Federation of Bedford Catholic Schools and this is an exciting opportunity to join us in the next phase of school development.

SUBJECT LEADER SCIENCE (MPS + TLR 2B)

Required for September 2012 (following promotion of previous post holder) an inspirational and highly motivated Subject Leader to join a team of highly committed teachers.

Applications are invited from outstanding candidates who have a proven record of achieving excellent student outcomes.

The successful candidate will also develop curriculum links with St Thomas More Teaching School.

TEACHER OF MFL (FRENCH) (MPS)

Required for September 2012 (following retirement of our much valued present post holder) an enthusiastic high calibre teacher who has exceptional subject knowledge with the vision and ability to further raise the achievement of pupils in the school.

TEACHER OF MUSIC (MATERNITY COVER) (MPS) Part Time 0.4 FTE (2 Days)

Required as soon as possible an enthusiastic high calibre teacher who has exceptional subject knowledge with the vision and ability to further raise the achievement of pupils in the school.

Further Information and application forms are available from our website or by emailing the school. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Closing Date: Wednesday, 9 May 2012 at 12.00 noon

Interviews: To be advised

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced CRB check.

Lincroft School Academy Federation of North Bedfordshire Schools

OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS - OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Arising from the growth of the School, Lincroft in Oakley Village, Bedford, invites applications for a number of leadership and main scale opportunities.

There are 800 pupils on roll in our very successful and popular school, which provides for an outstanding curriculum at key stages 2 and 3. The students engage fantastically in lessons and their behaviour for learning is exemplary.

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The successful applicant will be a well-qualified graduate and an excellent teacher. You will provide strong and very effective subject leadership and contribute to strategic leadership across the Academy Federation.

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The head of department opportunities may also provide for academy-wide leadership. The TLR allowance for subject leaders is dependent upon experience as applications are welcome from experienced, established heads of department interested in the potential of working in a setting with 1700 middle school pupils.

- Head of English
- Head of Mathematics
- Head of Science
- Head of Religious Education
- Head of Drama
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MAIN SCALE OPPORTUNITIES

The successful applicants will be well-qualified graduates, excellent and motivated specialist teachers, committed to our values. You will encourage our hard-working pupils to achieve at the very highest levels and foster a deep interest in their learning. The positions would also suit a well-qualified primary teacher, interested in teaching a specialist subject in Key Stage 3.

We would be particularly interested in applications that show a strong desire to teach a second subject in combination, including ICT. Consideration will also be given for part-time appointments.

- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Mathematics
- Teacher of English
- Primary, Generalist Teacher
- Teacher of ICT
- Teacher of Modern Languages
- Teacher of Business Studies & Enterprise

Candidates are most welcome to discuss the posts with the Senior Leadership Team and we would be happy to meet with you at any time during the school day or evening.

For an appointment and an application pack, which includes the job description, person specification and our Safeguarding Children policy, please contact Mrs Wickersham, PA to the Executive Headteacher, Station Road, Oakley, Bedford MK43 7RE.
Telephone: 01234 822147. Facsimile: 01234 825923. Email: admin@lincroft.beds.sch.uk

Alternatively, an information pack is available from the School website www.lincroftschool.co.uk

The closing date is Thursday, 3rd May 2012
with interviews being held on the 9th -11th May 2012.

The Academy Federation is committed to the protection and safety of its pupils.
We value equality and welcome applications regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or religion

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Headteacher: Joanna Farbon; BA (Hons) PGCE

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- Have experience of leading successful whole-school improvement
- Be able to lead, motivate and inspire others and show willingness to challenge under-performance
- Have a passion and enthusiasm to embrace innovation and have a clear vision for learning in the 21st century
- Have a commitment to a high-quality learning experience for *all* our children

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Shortlisting: 8th May 2012 Interviews: **11th May, 2012**

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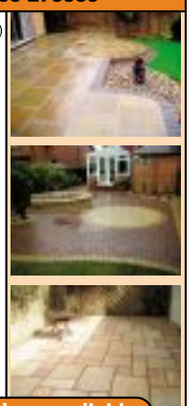

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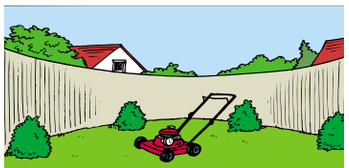

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 14 MILTON KEYNES AND NEWPORT PAGNELL SERVICE AREA BUCKINGHAMSHIRE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M1 Motorway at Milton Keynes and in the County of Buckinghamshire to enable the replacement of lighting columns and associated cabling, and safety barriers and traffic signs to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place in phases starting on, or after, Monday 21 May for approximately 5 nights, and between Monday 11 June and Thursday 12 July for approximately 32 nights. The works would be carried out using a combination of lane closures and slip road closures.

The effect of the Order would be to -
1.impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit, in conjunction with lane closures, on the M1 -
1.1 northbound carriageway between points –
- 2600 metres southeast and 1700 metres northwest of the A509 eastern overbridge at J14, and
- 2100 metres southeast of Wolverton Road underbridge and 1300 metres northwest of Little Linford Lane overbridge,

overnight from 7pm-7am Mondays, 8pm-7am Tuesdays to Thursdays, 10pm-8am Fridays, 6pm-10am Saturdays and 9pm-7am Sundays,
1.2 southbound carriageway between points –
- 2800 metres northwest and 1500 metres southeast of the A509 eastern overbridge at J14, and
- 2300 metres northwest of Little Linford Lane overbridge and 1,100 metres southeast of Wolverton Road underbridge,

overnight from 7pm-6am Mondays to Thursdays, 9pm-9am Fridays, 7pm -11am Saturdays and 10pm-6am Sundays; and
1.3 exit and entry slip roads at J14 and the Newport Pagnell Motorway Service Area, northbound (during the times given at 1.1) and southbound (during the times given at 1.2); and
2. close, in turn, the slip roads described at 1.3, overnight from 10pm to 5:30am.

During the exit slip road closures at J14 traffic would be diverted on to the next junction, here to join the opposite carriageway back to exit the M1 at J14. The diversion route for traffic wishing to join the M1 northbound would be via the A509, A5 and A508 to join the M1 at J15; and for the M1 southbound via the A509, A4146 and A421 to join the M1 at J13.

The temporary mandatory speed limit (which would not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles), closures (which would not apply to emergency service, traffic officer or works vehicles) and diversion routes would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order would come into force on 15 May 2012 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton

An official of the Highways Agency

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(REAR ACCESS ROAD (PART), BETWEEN STRATFORD ROAD AND CHURCH STREET, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of number 18 Stratford Road, Wolverton and Church Street, Wolverton from its junction with Radcliffe Street for a distance of approximately 30 metres in a north-easterly direction.

The Council is satisfied that this temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, works to install a new water connection to the water main. It is anticipated the temporary closure will be from Tuesday 8th May 2012 until Friday 10th May 2012, inclusive. The alternative route for traffic will be to proceed via Radcliffe Street and Church Street and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Tuesday 8th May 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

25th April 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BERKELEY CLOSE, HIGH STREET, LEASIDE AND WESTSIDE LANE (PARTS), STOKE GOLDINGTON) (TEMPORARY WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because of the likelihood of danger to the public and in the interests of safety and as a means of enhancing greater visibility for pedestrians from traffic whilst the annual Stoke Goldington Steam Fair event is set up and takes place. The following no waiting at any time restrictions for vehicles will be in effect on the dates and at the times shown below and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs and no waiting cones between Monday 7th May 2012 and Monday 14th May 2012, inclusive.

1. No waiting at any time restrictions, when the no waiting cones are displayed, from Monday 7th May 2012 and Monday 14th May 2012 along the following lengths of road within Stoke Goldington:-
   a) Westside Lane, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of approximately 40 metres in a westerly direction;
   b) High Street, along both sides from a point outside The Lamb Public House for a distance of approximately 150 metres in a southerly direction;
   c) Leaside, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction.
2. No waiting at any time restrictions, when the no waiting cones are displayed, between the hours of 9.00am and 7.00pm on Saturday 12th May 2012 and Sunday 13th May 2012 along the following lengths of road within Stoke Goldington:-
   a) High Street, along both sides from its junction with Malting Close to its junction with Bakers Close (except the length of road outside the local shop at 20-22 High Street);
   b) Berkeley Close, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of approximately 15 metres in a westerly direction.
   c) Westside Lane, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of approximately 40 metres in a westerly direction.
   d) Leaside, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of approximately 15 metres in an easterly direction.
3. No waiting at any time restrictions, when the no waiting cones are displayed, between the hours of 12.30pm and 7.00pm on Saturday 12th May 2012 and Sunday 13th May 2012 along the following length of road:-
   a) High Street, Stoke Goldington, along the eastern kerbline directly adjacent to the local shop at 20-22 High Street.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs and no waiting cones.

The proposed Order will come into operation on the 7th May 2012 and will continue in force until the likelihood of danger to the public has been removed.

Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

25th April 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance , Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the works connected with the redevelopment of Wolverton Railway Station have not been completed within the timescale originally envisaged and therefore the restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on the 16th November 2011, under Sections 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be extended beyond the date previously notified.

TAKE NOTICE that it is now intended to continue to temporarily impose the following restrictions :-

To temporarily impose a one way traffic flow system by prohibiting all vehicles from proceeding along Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton other than in a northerly direction.

Whilst the one way traffic system is in effect the alternative route for southbound traffic will be to proceed via the V6 Grafton Street in a south easterly direction to Stonebridge Roundabout, then turn right onto the Newport Road to the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station.

To temporarily impose a 30mph speed limit restriction along that part of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

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The extended temporary restrictions will now continue from 1st May 2012 until 30th June 2012, inclusive.

All other provisions of the Order remain as previously notified on 16th November 2011.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

25th April 2012

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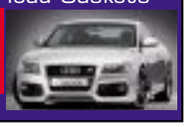

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ATHLETICS

THERE was mixed news for three of MK Athletic Club's Olympic hopefuls this week.

Chris Clarke won the 200m in 20.98s at an invitational meeting in Los Angeles while Kadi-Ann Thomas was third in both the 100m and 200m, recording 11.80s and 24.04s respectively.

However, it was not the best of outings for Thomas Green, who threw the club 21.80m at the cerebral palsy sports grand prix in Grantham. This was under par but still good enough for second place.

TOURING CARS

THE world Touring Car Championship (WTCC) heads to Slovakia this weekend and Newport Pagnell racer James Nash is raring to go.

Twenty-six-year-old Nash bagged his first points last time out in Morocco and the Team Aon driver is now looking forward to the next outing in Bratislava.

As it is a new circuit, for the first time the track will be unfamiliar to every team and not just Aon, who are making their WTCC bow.

Nash, who drives a turbo Ford Focus, said: "It'll mean that we start on a more equal footing.

"We had a really good meeting two weeks ago in Marrakech and I think it is clear that we are making real progress already with the new Focus."

BMX

IZZY Ferrada has laid down a marker with the World BMX Championships only a month away.

Racing in rounds four and five of the national series in Birmingham, the city 16-year-old held off the challenge of all of the top UK riders to win both rounds – extending her overall lead in the series.

"I'm really happy with these wins," Izzy said. "It boosts confidence with the world championships just around the corner at the Birmingham NIA.

"The best racers in the world will be there, but let's hope home advantage gives me the edge."

BASEBALL

MK BUCKS beat Birmingham Maple Leafs 8-5 in their season opener at Woughton on the Green.

Some opening day jitters in the field handed the visitors a two run lead, but the Bucks hit back in the third inning thanks to Ben Alexander's triple.

A big Birmingham hit cleared the bases and put the Leafs 5-2 up but Tom McVay daringly stole home plate for the Bucks to reduce the gap to 5-3.

In the sixth, Bucks capitalised on some wayward pitching to score five runs and seal the victory.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

THERE were no games in the MK Sunday League Premier Division this weekend, but Stony Stratford can clinch the title if they beat OU this evening.

Stony could make it a double after reaching the knockout cup final with a 6-0 win over Kings Arms.

In Division One, Olney Town beat MK United 7-0 to stay top on goal difference with one match left.

AFC Santander kept in touch with a 4-0 win against MK Legends.

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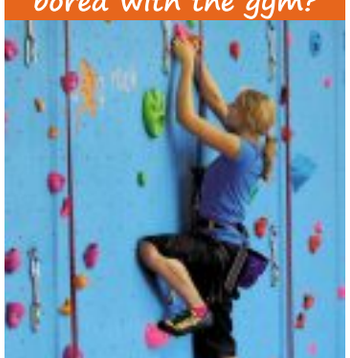
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Alan Smith stoops low to score

Smith blunts Blades as Dons show steel

MORE than 6,000 Sheffield United fans packed into stadiummk on Saturday in the hope of seeing their side secure automatic promotion to the Championship.

It's fair to say that for them, a winning Dons goal scored by a man from Leeds was certainly not in the script.

Alan Smith stooped low to head home his first goal for the club since his shock loan switch from Newcastle United in January and he then revelled in his celebration, standing arms aloft in front of the visiting supporters.

"It's fitting," Dons boss Karl Robinson said afterwards.

"A Leeds lad scored the winner against a Sheffield team and I think he enjoyed that."

Smith's 16th minute strike was his first at any level of football since 2007 and it clearly meant a lot to the former England and Manchester United player whose career has been hit by injuries.

The midfielder had started the game looking particularly fired up and the away support were not the only fans he acknowledged.

Robinson said: "He dedicated it to our fans and said there you go, that's for you supporting me, and letting me play football again.

"That's why he's here, to enjoy playing football."

The goal silenced the vocal Sheffield United support who had been making their presence felt.

Home supporters were giving as good as they got though, creating the type of atmosphere that Dons will enjoy on a more regular basis should they reach the Championship via the play-offs.

On and off the pitch this felt like a match which should be taking place at a higher level and it was an absorbing, tense and feisty contest with plenty of drama.

United, managed by former Dons boss Danny Wilson, knew that a victory would put them firmly in the driving seat in the race for the second automatic promotion spot.

The Blades took to the pitch without leading goalscorer Ched Evans, who was jailed for five years on Friday after being convicted of rape.

Whether this news impacted the

Robinson celebrates at the final whistle

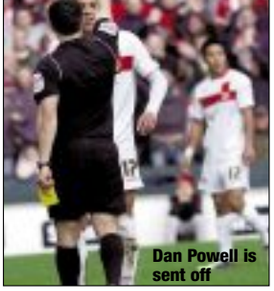
United players is a matter for discussion, but Wilson's men looked frustrated throughout the first half.

They lacked tempo and urgency and struggled to string passes together as Dons refused to let their guests find any rhythm.

Skipper Dean Lewington had already seen one effort bundled off the line before Smith struck.

Lewington was again involved, with a thumping header from Dean Bowditch's corner which Smith helped on its way with a casual low flick.

Dons battled ferociously for every loose ball and in every challenge and deservedly led at the break but United hit back in the second half to put the hosts under increased strain.



Dan Powell is sent off

This was a storm which needed to be weathered and Dons did so with some determined defensive work, particularly from central duo Gary MacKenzie and Shaun Williams.

United were kept at bay and could not create a clear cut chance despite their dominance.

Dons were desperately close to doubling their advantage themselves, first through MacKenzie who headed onto the post and then through Smith who saw his header cleared off the line.

Robinson's men had responded but they suddenly had a mountain to climb when Dan Powell was sent off after two innocuous looking bookings.

The home side would have been unhappy that Blades man Lee Williamson, who was also on a yellow card, received several warnings for further fouls which Powell was not afforded.

But Blades were again kept at bay as Dons dug in their heels in a determined performance which was full of grit.

United still failed to create chances until the dying seconds when James Beattie was unable to convert from close range after a ball had fizzed across the box.

Dons substitute Jabo Ibehre, a vital strong presence after the sending off, had earlier hit a post.

"I thought we were by far the better team," Robinson said.

"They only started to come into the game when we had a player sent off.

"We will enjoy this as when you have days like this it's important you reflect on it and remember it, store the memories and create a library of positivity going into games that are on the horizon.

The last three games have seen three Dons victories and three clean sheets and Robinson's side look to be in great shape for the play-offs.

United are the first 'big name' outfit in League One Dons have beaten this season, which will no doubt boost confidence.

It's also a win which has proven that they can grind out victories as well as destroy teams with passing flair. These are exciting times at stadiummk.

MK Dons assistant boss JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

PLAY-OFFS bring out all sorts of emotions and it seems that something special always happens.

I've been involved with Gillingham, Leyton Orient, Swindon, Ipswich, Wycombe and MK Dons and these are the bigger games you want to be involved with.

It's like a cup tie over the two legs, and it's like the big European games.

In all honesty I don't think it really matters now if you are home or away first, your first game is important but it's all about the second game.

With Swindon, I remember we were 3-1 up against Tranmere and then we scored in the away game to make it 4-1.

But all of a sudden they had a great run to bring the tie back level, until we scored at the end to make it to Wembley.

These are emotional nights and emotional games of football and anything can happen.

I've been at Dons for two years now and we've made the play-offs both times, which realistically I think was always the target.

I don't think we've had the credit we've deserved as the style of football and the way we've achieved it has been exceptional with such a small squad, which we haven't let affect us.

It's a proud feeling to have done it again and we want to go two steps further this time and win at Wembley.

That's obviously the target now but it won't be easy as one of the Sheffield teams will be in the play-offs.

But, as we showed on Saturday, we have proven that we are as good as anyone.

On Monday it is the club's end of season awards evening and I feel that there is going to be a lot of competition for some of the awards.

This year there have been a lot of great performances, starting from the goalkeeper and going right through the team, which means that a lot of players are in contention.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Charlton	44	14	6	2	43	18	15	4	3	34	14	45	97	C
2	Sheffield Utd	44	16	3	3	52	25	11	4	7	36	22	41	88	
3	Sheffield Wed	44	16	4	2	46	19	10	5	7	31	28	30	87	
4	DONS	44	12	6	4	45	21	9	8	5	37	24	37	77	
5	Huddersfield	44	13	6	3	33	19	7	11	4	43	27	30	77	
6	Stevenage	44	9	10	3	33	23	8	8	6	31	19	22	69	
7	Notts County	44	12	5	5	38	28	7	5	10	29	31	8	67	
8	Carlisle	44	11	7	4	37	29	6	8	8	23	34	-3	66	
9	Brentford	44	10	6	6	35	22	7	7	8	24	26	11	64	
10	Colchester	44	7	11	4	34	31	5	9	8	22	29	-4	56	
11	Tranmere	44	9	10	3	26	15	5	3	14	20	33	-2	55	
12	Bury	44	8	7	7	31	32	7	3	12	29	44	-16	55	
13	Bournemouth	44	8	5	9	22	23	6	7	9	24	28	-5	54	
14	Hartlepool	44	5	6	11	19	21	8	8	6	27	30	-5	53	
15	Preston	44	7	8	7	28	33	6	6	10	24	32	-13	53	
16	Yeovil	44	9	3	10	31	39	4	9	9	25	37	-20	51	
17	Scunthorpe	44	5	9	8	27	32	5	11	6	26	25	-4	50	
18	Oldham	44	8	5	9	24	25	5	6	11	24	40	-17	50	
19	Leyton Orient	44	5	6	11	21	33	7	5	10	24	39	-27	47	
20	Walsall	44	7	8	7	26	26	2	11	9	23	30	-7	46	
21	Wycombe	44	7	6	9	34	34	4	4	14	28	48	-20	43	
22	Chesterfield	44	7	6	9	24	30	3	6	13	28	45	-23	42	
23	Exeter	44	8	7	7	29	27	2	4	16	14	42	-26	41	
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RUGBY UNION

BLETCHLEY avoided relegation on the final day of the South West 1 West season by claiming a fine 34-28 home win over High Wycombe.

Reading Abbey have instead slipped through the trapdoor after their defeat to league leaders Maidenhead, a result which made Bletchley's outcome irrelevant.

Swanage and Wareham, the third side threatened with relegation, were also beaten but Bletchley will be pleased to have finished on a positive note regardless.

In the same division already relegated Olney finished up with a 37-17 defeat to Witney, and will now join Milton Keynes in the Southern Counties North next season.

BADMINTON

TWO city schools have been crowned as national champions at the Center Parcs Schools Badminton Championship.

Stantonbury Campus School won in the years seven, eight and nine girls' category and Denbigh School won the years ten to 11 boys' section.

Vanessa Blake, team manager for the girl's squad at Stantonbury Campus, said: "We're delighted to have won as the competition was of a really high standard."

Harrison Simcock, 16, captain of the Denbigh team, added: "It's a really great sense of achievement for the team especially as it's the last year we are all eligible to play. But we leave delighted after three years and three national titles."

CRICKET

STONY Stratford started the new Northamptonshire Premier League cricket season with a narrow 24-run victory over Burton Latimer which sees them take an early lead in the standings.

The game was dominated by the ball with Stony being dismissed for 131 after being put into bat.

Jarrod Pretorius' 51 was the highlight and victory seemed unlikely when Burton raced to 44/0.

However, Stony skittled their opponents for just 107 thanks to excellent bowling displays by Habib Ulah (4/24) and Jamie Baxter (4/23).

ROWING

MK ROWING Club claimed three wins at the Bedford Small Boats Head Race.

The women's coxed four of Charlene Mills, Jo Heywood, Lou Rivett and Alice Draper, coxed by Andi Grossey, won in the IM2 event.

There was also success for two of the women's masters A/B double scull crews – Liz Tatman and Andi Grossey and Helen Marshall and Jenny Searle – who came in first and second in their event.

The women's masters C coxed four of Paula Heywood, Karen Wilson, Lou Rivett and Heidi Towse, coxed by Liz Tatman, also claimed a win.

SWIMMING

CITY of Milton Keynes swimmer Rebecca Marshall gained her first International experience in the Bahamas last weekend, competing for Trinidad and Tobago in the multi-sport Carifta Games – which feature 19 Carribbean countries.

She competed in four individual events and two relays and was close to a personal best every time.

Her best placing was a bronze medal in the 200m IM but she also made the finals in the 50m and 100m freestyle events.

CYCLING

TEENAGE city cyclist Ben Chapman is to ride at the Olympic Park Velodrome after being selected to represent Central England at the first Sainsbury's 2012 School Games finals.

The 15-year-old will be one of 1,600 youngsters competing at the multi-sport games in May.

Ben said: "The venue looks great and the racing looks top class. I can't wait to get stuck in."

GOLF

TEN-YEAR-OLD golfing starlet JR Ellis has hit his first hole-in-one at Abbey Hill's par three course.

The young city prospect, who competes across the UK and Europe, got the ace on the 102-yard first hole using his pitching wedge.

CROQUET

AN OPEN day is being held by Stony Stratford Croquet Club on Saturday.

It starts at noon at the Ancell Trust Sports Ground in Ostlers Lane, and is open to all. For more information e-mail roy.healey@btinternet.com.

FORMULA ONE

Vettel regains form to take Bahrain win

Sebastian Vettel held off Kimi Raikkonen in the desert

THERE was a familiar winner at Sunday's Bahrain Grand Prix – Red Bull Racing's Sebastian Vettel.

The world champion finally claimed his maiden victory of the season at the fourth attempt to lift some of the frustration being felt by the Tilbrook team.

No wins in three was not how the reigning constructors' champions expected to start the 2012 campaign, and all the talk was about the dominance of the city outfit being at an end.

Rule changes regarding the car and major improvements demonstrated by their rivals mean that Red Bull have been pegged back after last year's all conquering campaign.

But despite this year perhaps falling short of their own high standards, Vettel's Bahrain win means that he now leads the drivers' championship and that the team heads the constructors' standings.

That is not a bad outcome for a team who have supposedly been below their best and shows the importance of picking up championship points even if you are not winning races.

Out of four races so far there have been four different grand prix winners, and with many teams experiencing fluctuating results, it appears to be an extremely open championship.

Red Bull team principal Christian Horner admitted surprise that the team top both standings but he will certainly take the position they find themselves in.

Before Bahrain, Horner had targeted better performances in qualifying as the team have been happy with their race speed, and Vettel delivered by bagging his first pole position of the season after only qualifying in 11th at the last race in China.

The German is extremely tough to catch from the front and he sped away in the early going before fending off the challenge of Lotus' Kimi Raikkonen.

Team mate Mark Webber came home in fourth in a race which went ahead despite safety fears.

Vettel said: "It was an incredible race, extremely tough.

"A good start was crucial and I was able to pull away from the pack, which was a big advantage as we always had to go on scrubbed tyres due to the fact we had used almost all of them in qualifying yesterday.

"Kimi was fast and it was close, but I am extremely happy.

"The team spent a lot of time in the garage trying to get the car to our liking but we got there."

Horner added: "After a good getaway from pole Sebastian settled into the race and had a very strong first stint.

"The challenge today, having been high on consumption of our tyres yesterday, was that we needed to get more out of them today.

Seb did a masterful job of keeping the life in the tyres and making the three stop strategy work, we made the calls at the right time."

BASKETBALL

Lions victories offer little consolation as season finishes

Lions 128 Plymouth 113
Durham 91 Lions 96

LIONS finished their season with two impressive victories but as the club were already out of the play-offs it was a case of too little, too late.

With nothing left to play for but pride the city side turned on the style to see off Plymouth Raiders with their highest points haul of the season on Wednesday, and they then completed a third win out of three against British Basketball League debutants Durham Wildcats on Saturday.

The back-to-back wins did lift Lions up to a ninth placed finish in the league but the top eight, who contest the end-of-season play-offs, is where they wanted to be.

While it is nice to finish the season with a double success, Lions will no doubt be frustrated that the back-to-back victories arrived when they didn't matter, following a dismal run of just one win in 13 games which cost the club their play-off place.

Changes have been promised over the summer and it remains to be seen what players and staff will feature for Lions next season when better results will be expected.

Frustration about the poor performances over the last weeks seemed to galvanise the team against Plymouth, who were ripped apart in an extremely high scoring contest.

Lions managed a 53 per cent success rate from the three point line and 61 per cent from the floor.

Star man Demarius Bolds led all scorers in the game with a huge 40 point, nine assist, six rebound performance but there were excellent displays all over the court.

Nuno Pedroso helped himself to ten assists to go with his 22 points while Daniel Northern continued to dominate the rebounding charts with 12 to go along side his 27-point haul.

Mike New's Lions finished well

At Durham, Lions recovered from a 32-25 deficit at the start of the first quarter, with 11-2 and 11-3 bursts in the second turning the game in their favour.

Bolds and Northern both scored 26 points against the league's bottom club.

RUGBY LEAGUE

City's new club ready for inaugural season

THE city's new rugby league side are preparing for their first ever kick-off.

MK Wolves have learnt that they will begin life in the East Regional League with two games against Bedford Tigers.

This promises to be a baptism of fire as Bedford topped the division last year and many of the players will be familiar to each other.

Wolves boast many players who turned out for Bedford last year, as before the city's club was formed, the Tigers were their local side.

This means that the opening game of the season, to be held at Emerson Valley on May 5, will be a tasty encounter as well as an historic one for Wolves.

The home clash will be followed by the away game, just a week later on May 12.

Many of the club's players joined up after news of the Wolves' formation was first reported in MK SPORT and things are looking positive ahead of their season curtain raiser.

Club member Pete Nuttall said: "Things are progressing well, and we've held regular weekly training sessions where we're getting a very strong side together who are becoming well-versed in rugby league.

"We've seen our kit for the first time, and with the fixtures also released yesterday it's suddenly all real.

"The boys can now see we're actually training for something concrete."

Wolves are due to play Hemel Hempstead's second team in an away friendly this evening.

The Eastern League is the fourth tier of rugby league in England, with Super League at its peak.

ICE HOCKEY

Norton exits Lightning

THE first roster change has already taken place at MK Lightning following the end of the season.

Young defenceman Tom Norton has left the club to make the step up to Elite League level, where he will join his home town side Nottingham Panthers.

Norton progressed through Nottingham's junior ice hockey system and played for them in 2010/11 before signing for Lightning last summer.

He said: "I'll keep a close eye on Lightning's results next season, I've really enjoyed my season in Milton Keynes."

Player-coach Nick Poole added: "When we signed him we knew there was a chance of him going back at some point.

"He's been a great team-mate and undoubtedly has a lot of potential."

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Vettel's got that winning feeling again – page 75

Victory: Alan Smith was delighted to celebrate his winning goal on Saturday – right in front of the Sheffield United fans. More on page 74. Picture: Andy Handley.

Dons to change play-off prep

BY DAN PALMER

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KARL Robinson has promised to learn from last year's heartbreak as his side prepares for the roller coaster of the play-offs once again.

The Dons manager will change how the team approaches the crucial make or break games and is already planning things to the finest detail.

Saturday's 1-0 victory over Sheffield United sealed a play-off spot and thanks to other results Dons already know that Huddersfield Town will be their semi-final opponents.

There are two league games remaining against Rochdale and Walsall but thoughts are naturally beginning to turn to the two leg showdown with the Terriers next month.

The only thing to be determined is where each game is played, with both sides currently jostling for a fourth place finish which will secure home advantage for the second leg.

"No disrespect to Rochdale or Walsall, but I don't want these games to happen as I want the next game to be the play-offs," Robinson said.

"We are going to do things differently, and plan everything beyond belief with so much more detail."

Robinson will whisk the squad away to a hotel between the two legs so the players can 'dedicate their life' to the task of gaining promotion to the Championship via a Wembley play-off final.

He will also ban his players from watching the other semi-final so that they don't lose any focus for games which Robinson says are 'like our Champions League'.

Three weeks ago Dons had plans prepared to face any of the top eight teams but now only the Huddersfield blueprints remain.

"At this time of year a manager wouldn't be doing his job if he didn't know about the opposition and the teams in this league," Robinson said.

"We've only got two plans left on the table, which is whether we play them home or away in the first or second leg. That's all that's left."

The manager does not think that previous play-off failures, including last year's exit to Peterborough United, will be a factor.

"I don't think it's a case of bottle, a lack of effort, or not being able to handle the squeaky bum time as some people call this time of year," he said. "Before it's been bad refereeing decisions or luck.

"Against Scunthorpe Jude Stirling missed a penalty and last year the penalty decision against Stephen Gleeson cost us.

"There have been individual incidents which haven't gone our way for whatever reason.

"Last year we suffered the worst possible fate of losing in the play-offs in a local derby.

"That's as low as it gets and we have bounced back a year later.

"We know at the end of this there's the tremendous prize of a trip to Wembley."

Promotion foes to fear magic midfield pairing

MIDFIELD double act Stephen Gleeson and Darren Potter are good enough to strike fear into Dons' play-off rivals, according to Karl Robinson.

The central duo have been named in the Professional Footballers' Association League One team of the season, a prestigious honour for them as the line-up is selected by their fellow players.

Both have forged a strong partnership this season and there is clearly an effective understanding between the two Republic of Ireland internationals.

The fact that both of them have been selected is not only an indication of their individual talents but proof that the combined unit is a pivotal asset for Dons in the middle of the pitch.

Robinson said: "Going into the play-off games, the opposition look at the team and see that they are the best two players in the league in that position.

"That's obviously going to strike fear into other players.

"We've got tremendous players at the club and that midfield area has been so strong."

Gleeson has been questioned for his temperament which came to the boil against Yeovil last month when he received a needless red card after an off the ball incident.

Robinson also believes that some voices raised doubts about Potter when he brought him to the club from Sheffield Wednesday in the summer.

"People have doubted Stephen Gleeson and questioned his mentality, but he is a tremendous player," the manager said.

"Darren Potter had a lot to go through at the start of the season as people asked why I was bringing him in. But the two have shook it all off.

"I think we should have had one or two more in that team, Alan Smith might have made it if he'd been here all season."

The club was given a big play-off boost when Potter signed a new contract at the club, but whether Gleeson does the same could be down to what league Dons find themselves in.

Earlier in the season the 23-year-old hinted that a new deal was on the table, but he expressed a desire to play in the Championship and return to international football as soon as possible.

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